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LABOUR PARTY BITTERNESS.

ELECTION VITUPERATION.

TORY DIE-HARDS REBUKED.

London, Oct. 21.
The minutes of no British Cabinet meeting have ever been so fully revealed as those of the Labour Government at the fatal session immediately preceding resignation, thanks to the campaign of vituperation now proceeding between Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Snowden, Mr. J. H. Thomas and their former Ministerial colleagues.

Mr. William Graham, who was President of the Board of Trade in the Labour Administration, in a broadcast speech last night, three times charged the Prime Minister and the Mr. Graham Chancellor of the Exchequer with "deliberate lying."

Mr. Snowden to-night, in a statement to the Press, trounces Mr. Graham for "several grossly inaccurate statements."

Meanwhile, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has done his best to head the rift which threatened in the National Government late in consequence of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's remarkable Protection speech at Birmingham.

The Prime Minister is now making a short tour outside his own constituency. Yesterday he spoke in support of his son, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the National Labour candidate for Basstow, and tomorrow he will speak in Derby for Mr. J. H. Thomas. He is saying time by flying whenever the weather conditions permit.

Interviewed to-day the Premier referred to the issues raised in course of the Chamberlain campaign, other than those laid down in his manifesto, said:

"I want to make it quite clear that the appeal which is being made for a National Government and whatever the predominant political party in that National Government may be, it still remains National, and not party, and no party will have the right to forget its origin and the appeal upon which it was elected, and to turn round in the House of Commons and say whether Labour or Liberal or Conservatives—we are going to pursue our own policy, irrespective of the colleagues with whose co-operation the election was fought on National issue."

"I believe in the honour of my colleagues of all parties," added Mr. MacDonald. "Until the crisis is settled they will not turn a National majority into a party one."

"Dark Designs."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's rejoinder followed also upon allegations from numerous Free Trade platforms that the Conservatives are harbouring dark designs to secure an independent majority through the Nationalist label and then oust their Liberal and Labour associates in order to introduce full-blooded Protection.

Mr. Baldwin's Word.

The Prime Minister said that the action of the Labour opposition and the most unfortunate intervention of Mr. Lloyd George had brought such a possibility nearer than would otherwise have been the case, but when Mr. Baldwin told him that they were going to work out a "gentlemen's agreement" he was willing to take Mr. Baldwin's word.—Reuter and British Wireless.

TO-DAY'S KEEN DEBATE ON COLONY'S BUDGET.

GOVERNMENT'S JUSTIFICATION CHALLENGED.

AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED IN COMMITTEE.

TAXABLE CAPACITY POINT.

UNITED unoffical condemnation of the proposal to convert the salaries of sterling-paid Government servants at the current rate of exchange as from January next, backed up by a demand for an all-round reduction of ten per cent. in basic rates of sterling pay, formed bright features of the debate on the Colony's Budget, resumed in Legislative Council this afternoon.

It was argued by the Hon. Mr. Mackie, who was the chief Unofficial spokesman on the salaries issue, that the Colonial Secretary's submissions in support of the decision were not at all convincing, were, in fact, very misleading, particularly his references to commercial houses. Stress was laid on the fact that Civil Servants received a 15 per cent. increase when the Colony's finances were taking a definite turn for the worse, that the "compromise" arrangement for 1931 was regarded merely as an equitable readjustment, and that the abandonment of the compromise means reversion to an unduly favourable condition, having regard to the fact that the cost of living has not increased commensurately with the fall in the dollar.

Notice was given that a resolution giving effect to the Unofficial demand for a reduction of salaries would be moved as an amendment during the committee stage of the Budget Bill.

The salaries issue naturally caused other important matters raised by Unofficials to be thrust somewhat into the background, but the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell voiced strong views on the Government's road policy, the Hon. Mr. Shenton pleaded for retirement of Civil Servants on reaching the age-limit, and the Hon. Mr. Braga submitted Kowloon's claims for improvement of public amenities.

COLONY STINTED OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow undertook the duty of presenting the joint views of the Unofficial members of the Council, and at the outset, tendered to H. E. the Governor their congratulations upon the Governor's just beginning to take up on to prepare.

After expressing the public's regret that the expected surplus of about \$50,000 had been achieved only by stinting the Colony of very necessary public works, and by a seemingly unending series of fresh taxes which had hardly left a single item of licences and fees untouched, the speaker declared that "the Colony's taxable capacity has now reached a point where any additional imposts will assuredly have adverse effects on trade and the economic life of the Colony." The Unofficial members, however, realised that, in order to enable the Government to balance the Budget, fresh imposts in some form or another were inevitable, though they considered that, on the whole, the form adopted was better than a further increase in Assessed Taxes.

Petrol Tax Anomaly.

Dealing with the increase in the petrol tax, Sir Shouson Chow, after pointing out that petrol was now a necessity rather than a luxury, drew attention to the fact that in many countries where this tax is levied, the receipts derived therefrom are employed for the maintenance of roads, whereas in Hongkong the Government, simultaneously with imposing the tax, decided to reduce the votes for the maintenance of roads and bridges in the city from \$100,000 to \$80,000, and outside the city from \$120,000 to \$80,000. This was a step which, in the words of the Colonial Secretary, "will mean a lowering of the high standard which the Colony's roads have hitherto been maintained."

Salary Scheme Protest.

Continuing, Sir Shouson Chow

remarked: "What has been the prime cause of such economy exercised at the expense of efficiency?" The answer is the enormous cost of administration that has been occasioned by the general increase of salaries, sanctioned by the Government in this Council a year ago when the financial condition of the Colony was just beginning to take a turn for the worse.

"The public was therefore amazed to hear that in spite of the present state of affairs, the Secretary of State for the Colonies had directed that sterling salaries should, as from the 1st January next, be converted at current rate of exchange, with the proviso that for the present payment should not be made at more than \$20 to the pound sterling.

"The unofficial members protest in most emphatic terms against this decision."

"It will be within the recollection of all that during the debate on the Budget last year Your Excellency agreed to the 'compromise' suggested by the Hon. Mr. Paul Launder of paying half the salary of sterling-paid officers at the rate of 1/6d to the dollar, and in so doing you said that the abnormal rate of exchange was 'perhaps unduly favourable to the sterling-paid officers.' The compromise was therefore in the nature of an equitable readjustment, if not an *amendement honorable*, after the Government had forced its salary scheme through the Legislative Council by means of the official vote.

Cannot Afford It.

"Now, the Secretary of State has given his decision contrary to Your Excellency's advice, and we fear that any protest from us would be futile. But the decision amounts to a reversal to what Your Excellency has admitted to be an unduly favourable condition; it means additional expenditure. What it will actually cost to the Colony we do not know:

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Sir Shouson Chow, who made the principal speech for the Unofficials in Council this afternoon, and led the attack on the salaries issue.

Momentous Washington Meeting.

FRANCE, U.S. AND WORLD CRISIS.

Washington, Oct. 21.
The possibility that results of immense importance to the sponsors of measures to bring an end to the world economic crisis will emerge from the forthcoming conversations between President Hoover and M. Pierre Laval, Premier of France, is the subject of considerable comment here.

M. Laval arrives in New York to-night and will proceed almost immediately to Washington.

Lest there should be any misunderstanding, it was declared by official circles to the Associated Press to-day that the United States does not consider itself able to make promises regarding the security of France or any other European nation.

It is believed that the sole basis of the discussions between President Hoover and M. Laval will be the world economic restoration.

Special Responsibility.

It is stated that France and the United States, as holders of two-thirds of the world's monetary gold stocks, have positions of special responsibility and the leaders meeting in Washington are expected to give this full weight in the discussions.

The revision of war debts and reparations are bound to come into the forefront as is also the question of the burden of armaments.

French Viewpoint.

Le Temps, the famous Paris journal, declares in a leading article to-day that Franco-American co-operation in political, financial and economic domains remains entirely open.—Reuter.

EMPIRE CURRENCY ADVOCATED.

BRITISH EXPERT'S SUGGESTION.

London, Oct. 22.

The Imperial currency idea received the support of Sir Basil Blackett, in the course of an address at a meeting of the London Rotary Club.

Sir Basil, who is an expert on currency, having served on numerous Missions, doubted the desirability of Britain returning to the gold standard unless and until the international conditions that played havoc with the working thereof have been overcome.

If, by sacrificing stability of exchange, Britain can be made

THE LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE.

GRAVE MISGIVINGS AT GENEVA.

COUNCIL WEAKENS.

GRAVE MISGIVINGS are felt at Geneva regarding the Council's present attitude towards the Manchuria dispute. Present indications are that the Committee of Five will invite their colleagues to take the line of least resistance, ignoring China's demands for the immediate withdrawal of Japanese forces and again urging the parties to seek a settlement by direct negotiation.

Nothing has definitely been decided. The Committee is awaiting the Japanese Reply to recent communications and the tone may materially affect the issue. If, however, this is conciliatory, the opinion is that Japan will again be urged to expedite withdrawal as far as possible and to seek a settlement within a time limit to be set.

The Chinese delegates are very displeased with the outlook, but criticism is not by any means confined to Chinese circles.

A message from London this morning says that the anxiety, almost alarm, lest the Council should carry out its intention of virtually abdicating over the Manchurian dispute, is reflected in the London morning newspapers. The News-Chronicle appeals to M. Briand and Lord Reading to remain at Geneva and avert the threatened calamity to the League.

MAY ADJOURN WITH NOTHING DONE.

Geneva, Oct. 21.
The Chinese delegation to the League Council are getting impatient at the prolonged delay in offering a solution to their grievances against Japan.

Dr. Alfred Sze, the principal Chinese representative, called upon M. Briand this afternoon to ascertain the position reached and to emphasise that the Chinese are anxious for a speedy settlement.

All Dr. Sze was able to get out of M. Briand, however, was a statement to the effect that it appears the Council are still awaiting the Japanese Government's reply.

Chinese Demands.

The Chinese attitude is unchanged. Dr. Sze maintains the viewpoint of the Nanking Government that the Japanese must withdraw their troops to the railway zone and agree to pay an indemnity for Chinese losses as a result of the occupation, the amount of which shall be settled later, before commencing direct negotiations with Japan.

Serious Misgivings.

In the evening, it became apparent that a very serious view is taken regarding the present situation. League circles allege that the Council's special committee dealing with the Manchurian imbroglio is weakening in its treatment of the difficulty.

It is said that the committee is inclined to advise the Chinese to abandon their conditions for direct negotiations, namely, the previous withdrawal of the Japanese military forces and the presence of neutrals to supervise the evacuation.

The impression is that if the

master of its own economic destiny, it would be worth considering a managed sterling currency, and also an Imperial currency, which once successfully established, would soon attract countries outside the Empire.

The plan would, moreover, probably point the way to the re-establishment of a true international currency, serving the twin purposes of stable exchanges and stable prices.—Reuter.

It is said that the resolution to be submitted at to-morrow's meeting will merely urge Japan and China to find "mutual settlement of their difficulties within a period which will, most probably, be not less than a week." The next meeting of the Council, which is understood, will be about the middle of November.

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THE MANCHURIA ISSUES.

NANKING INDIGNATION INDICATED.

REPLIES TO POWERS.

Tokyo, Oct. 21.
It is understood that Japan's replies to the Notes regarding her obligations under the Kellogg Pact are being despatched to-night, and state that Japan realises her obligations, and her actions from the outset were purely self-defensive.

She has no intention to resort to war; and emphasises that already she has declared her readiness to negotiate with a responsible Chinese representative.

She asks if the handful of Japanese troops outside the railway zone can be regarded as a means of enforcing terms; and reiterates that the anti-Japanese agitation in China is not spontaneous but enforced by high-handed organisations with the apparent acquiescence of the Chinese Government.

She charges China with violation of the letter as well as the spirit of Article Two of the Kellogg Pact.—Reuter.

China Replies.

Nanking, Oct. 21.
Replying to the Powers' Notes regarding her obligations under the Kellogg Pact, the National Government declares that China has judiciously refrained from employing force to meet the Japanese military aggressions, and from the outset has been seeking a peaceful settlement; therefore she has entrusted her case unreservedly to the League, and hopes the efforts being made at Geneva will be successful, as this will be conducive to the well-being not only of China but also of the whole world.—Reuter.

Replies Awaited.

Geneva, Oct. 21.
Reuter is informed by the Japanese delegation that instructions will be received from Tokyo during the course of the day.

Meanwhile, the five members of the Council forming the committee dealing with Manchuria, namely Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, assembled in M. Briand's room at 11 a.m. to review the position and examine possible steps, pending receipt of the replies.

Delegates Look Serious.

This morning's meeting lasted from 11.30 to 12.45, after which the delegates left M. Briand's hotel looking serious and pensive. They are maintaining the strictest secrecy. The only information given by one was that a meeting of the Council would probably be held to-morrow, but it was not divulged whether it would be public or private.

The Withdrawal Snag.

Later, it is understood that Mr. Yoshihara has received instructions from Tokyo to accept M. Briand's suggestion regarding the five points proposed by Japan. It is learned that M. Briand will surmount the difficulty of Japan's refusal to agree to a fixed date for completion of troop withdrawal by suspending the session of the

Council on Friday or Saturday to resume in Paris in about three weeks' time, when the withdrawal should be completed.

Claims Reiterated.

A communication reiterating the Japanese claims, outlined in the five points, reaffirming that Japan has no territorial aims in Manchuria and detailing the vexations to which Japanese nationals and Koreans have been subject in past years in Manchuria, was made to the press this morning.

The moderate tone of the communication is welcomed as further evidence of Japan's desire for a pacific settlement, and opinion is generally hopeful.—Reuter.

Women's Message to League.

London, Oct. 21.
Women are becoming active in the interests of peace in Manchuria, following the receipt by the International Women's Suffrage Alliance of a message from three women's organisations in China, urging that all weight be applied to secure a restoration of the *status quo*.

Five international women's organisations with headquarters at Geneva have sent messages to the President of the Assembly and also to the Council stating that their forty million members demand that the conflict be settled peacefully.—Reuter.

Nanking Indignant.

Nanking, Oct. 21.
Officials and public alike are most indignant over the reported Japanese five demands, for China's recognition in principle before the railway zone can be withdrawn to the railway zone.

The unanimous comment is that Japan is presenting another "twenty-one demands."—Reuter.

Foreign Views.

London, Oct. 21.
When the Council is considering the withdrawal of Japanese troops within the zone authorised by treaty, it is obviously necessary to take into account the conditions in which the Japanese army has practically become a militarily equipped police force in a disordered part of China, where the control of the Chinese Government can exercise little or no



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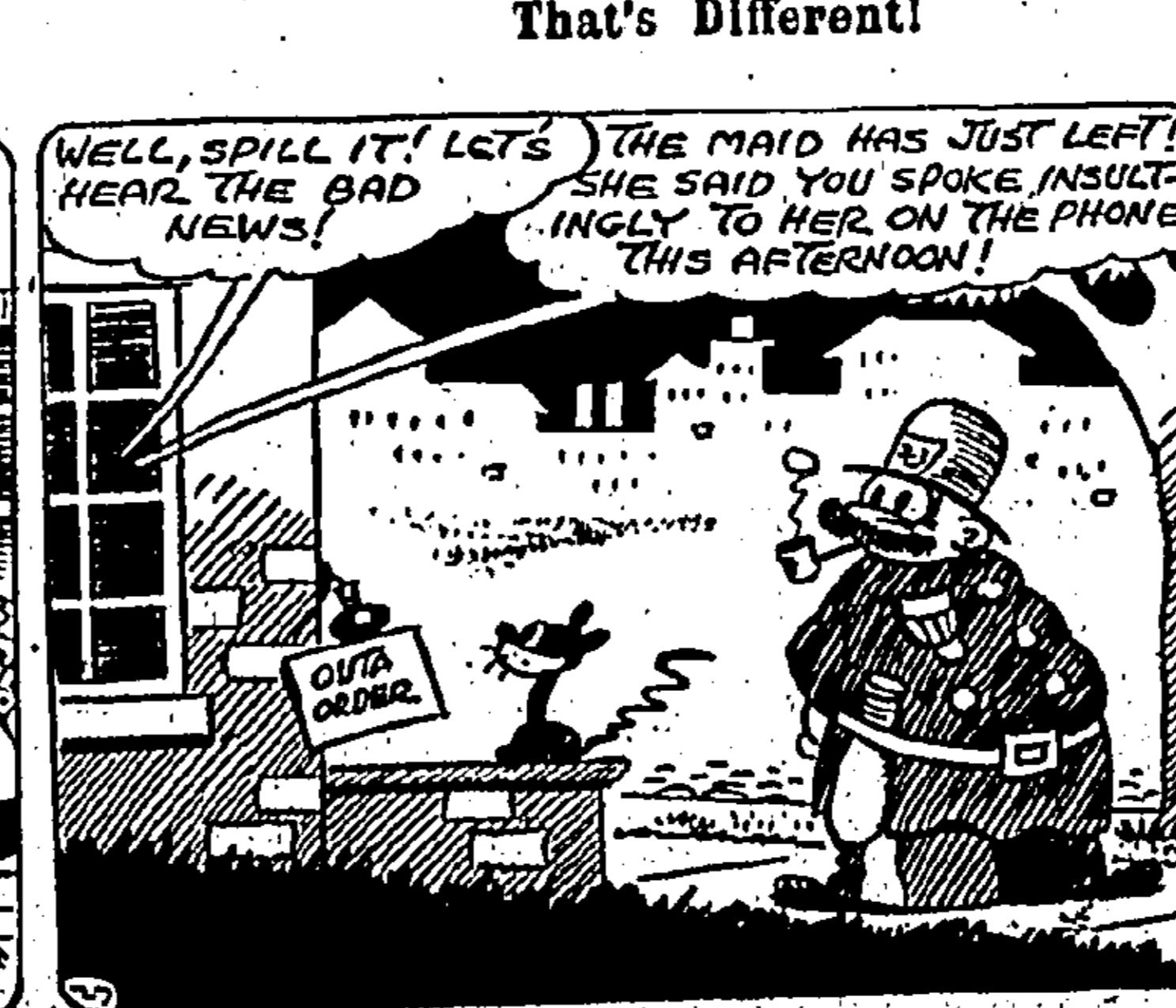
Thorburn Case Recalled.
The Times, which declares that in a district far less remote from Nanking, the Chinese Government failed to apprehend Thorburn's murderers or give satisfaction in the matter.

Japan has many grievances against Nanking for which she has failed to obtain redress. She

began the present phase of the dispute by putting herself in the wrong, thereby unnecessarily forfeiting international sympathy, but the latest news from Tokyo showing a reasonable and more conciliatory spirit together with the news from Geneva, encourages the hope that a peaceful solution is in sight.—Reuter.

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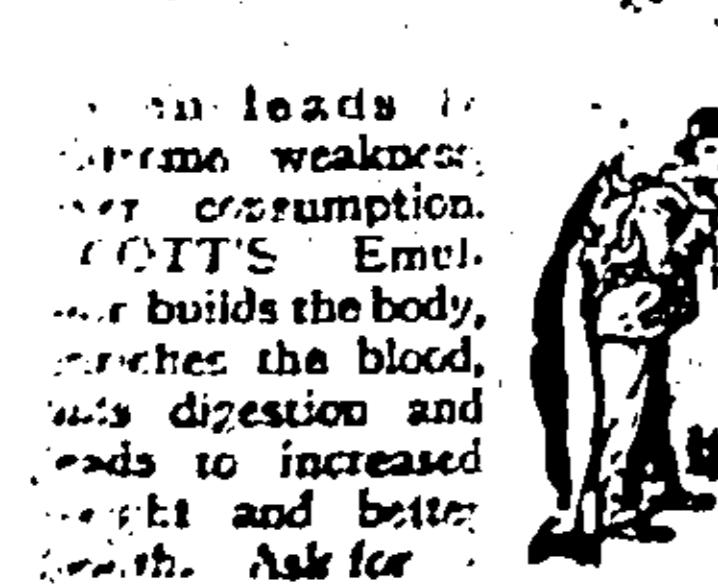
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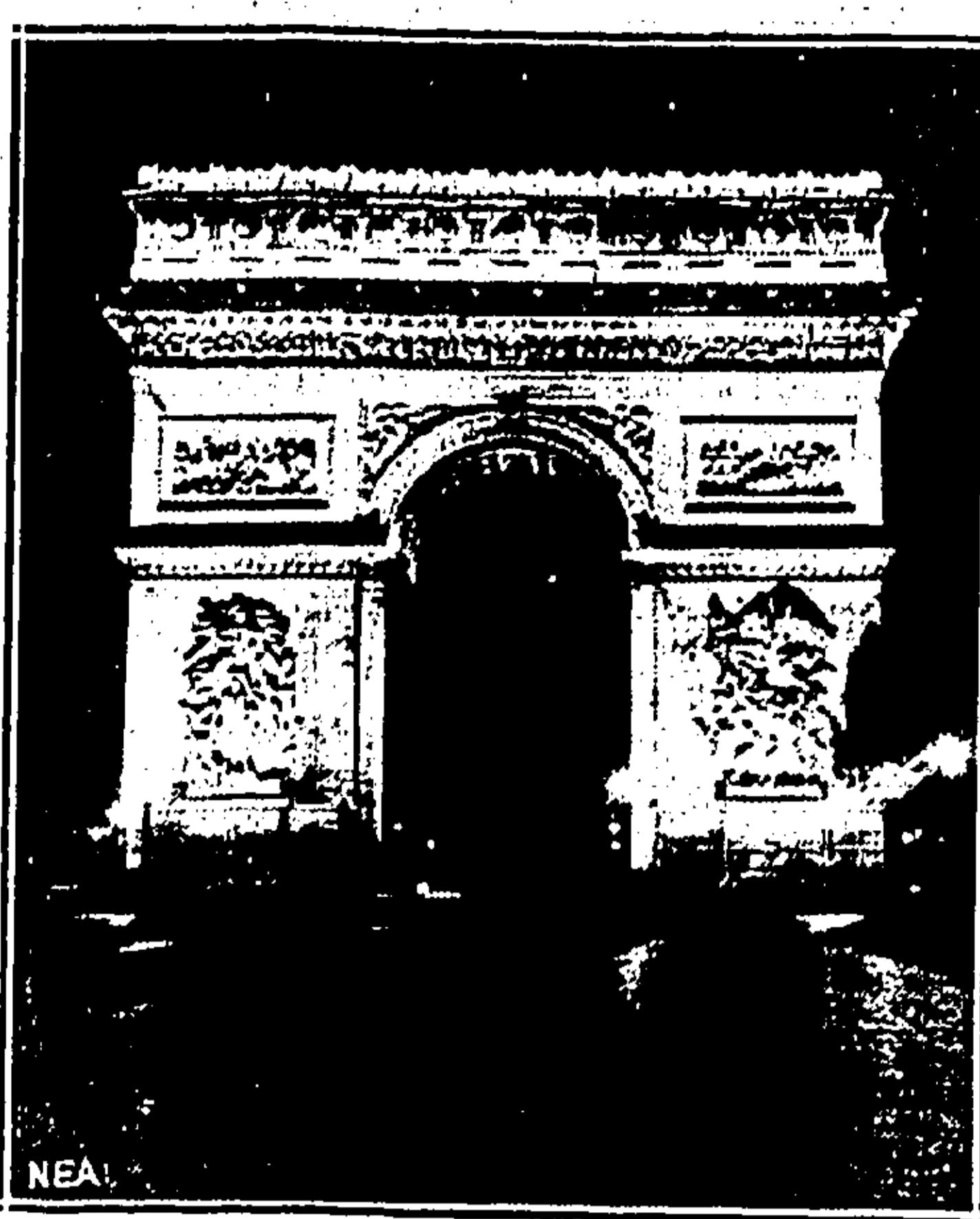
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SPEED!



Lieut. N. N. Boothman is shown on the recording break flight at Calsot, which gave Britain permanent possession of the coveted Schneider trophy

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Norma Kent, pretty 25-year-old secretary in a law office, meets Mark Travers, attractive and wealthy, when together they rescue a friend who has got into the middle of a madhouse traffic jam. Norma refuses to tell the man her name or where he can see her again. Later she joins Bob Farrell, junior lawyer for the Marlboro Press, and Farrell asks her to marry him and Norma says "Yes".

The scene of the story is Marlboro, middle-western metropolis. Norma takes the puppy to the vet, and while waiting there meets with Christine Sanders. Norma fears Chris falling in love with her married employer, Bradley Baker, proprietor of a successful agency. Norma's mother has been having a dream about the puppy in the last and found column of the Marlboro Press. The first person to believe her is Mark Travers, who, while exploring, has made an effort to learn Norma's identity. He tries to make a date but she declines his invitation. Then one night, Baker telephones Norma's place, police headquarters, and invites her to a gay party concluding with a round of the night club.

The following evening, Norma arrives home and finds Chris absent. A note explains she had gone to visit Minnie Baker, bookkeeper at the advertising office, whose 25-year-old son has been seriously injured. A small boy comes to claim the puppy and falls ill. Mrs. Tess Hawthorne, the custodian's daughter, asks Norma if she received an important telephone call that afternoon.

CHAPTER VII

Bessie's eyes widened. She showed surprise. "Why?" she went on. "I gave the man your telephone number at the office. I supposed of course he'd call you. He said—"

"Who did? who was it?"

"I don't know," Bessie shook her head. He didn't give any name. I—I didn't think to ask. It was about 2 o'clock the phone rang three times before I got there and then a man asked for you. I told him you were at the office. He seemed awfully anxious to talk to you so I said I could give him the number down there. As soon as I told him what it was he hung up. Don't it seem funny he didn't try to call you? Maybe he did and you didn't get the message."

"That was about 2 o'clock?" Norma asked.

The other girl nodded.

"Oh, yes," Norma said casually. "I did get that message only I'd forgotten about it." She started up the stairs. "Well, good night, Bessie. I suppose you'll be glad to have your mother back!"

"Yes'm. Good night, Miss Kent." Bessie looked disappointed not to learn what the important telephone call had been but there was no way for her to prolong the conversation. Norma was already half way up the flight. Bessie returned to the rear apartment.

Norma continued her climb to the third floor. She was in no means an unconcerned as her voice had indicated. As a matter of fact both cheeks were burning. The colour was becoming and her eyes were bright. So that was how Mark Travers had learned where to find her. He certainly was persistent. Yes, he was more than that. He was attractive. Better looking than any young man Norma had ever accepted attentions from. Deliberately she had refused to recognize his good points. Deliberately she had told herself she must not show the slightest interest in a youth who drove a car like Travers', who beyond the faintest doubt lived in a world apart from her workaday existence.

She awoke to a morning of streaming golden sunlight and a certainty that something exciting was about to happen.

As usual she wore the kroy suit but she put on her prettiest blouse. She spent all of five minutes coining the taffy-coloured waves into their most becoming outline. And there was certainly an added dash, a dolobone tilt to the little black hat when, 30 minutes after arising, Norma was on her way to the car line.

"Where would you like to go?" Farrell asked.

"It's beautiful," the girl sighed.

"Oh, Bob, isn't it beautiful?"

Anywhere. It doesn't matter. Like to drive through Washington park and take a run out on Crystal Creek highway?"

"That would be grand."

"Then we'll do it."

Neither cared to talk while they were on the city streets. Other vehicles, traffic regulations took Farrell's attention. Norma was content to lean back in her seat, letting the cool, crisp night breeze wash colour into her cheeks. It was mid-September. The first frost was still several weeks away but there was the unmistakable scent of fall in the air. Norma loved it. The breeze hinted of fallen leaves and bonfires. Of summer dying in the lap of rugged, hardy autumn. Hillsides a riot of gold and crimson colouring. Colder nights and the harvest moon. Days of chilly freshness. Oh, yes, Norma loved the fall.

All this was in her mind vaguely when she realized they had reached the park. Dancing rows of lights stretched ahead and twinkled at them from behind shrubbery and rolling hillocks as though a gigantic jewel case had been overturned on the black velvet of the night.

"It's beautiful," the girl sighed.

"Oh, Bob, isn't it beautiful?"

Farrell, less emotional, agreed. "Yep. Always liked this park."

The girl put a hand on his arm.

"Drive around to that circle above the pavilion, won't you?" she urged.

"I want to see how the city looks with all the lights on."

Bob nodded. The circle to which Norma referred was a show spot of Marlboro, providing a sweeping view of the entire business district and beyond that section of the metropolis known as East Marlboro. Bob brought the coupe up the winding hill, manoeuvred to a sheltered position and cut off the motor.

"There you are," he said with a wave toward the city below.

"There's your fairyland."

"That's exactly what it looks like!"

Both of them gazed in silence at the panorama. Towering skyscrapers and hideous commercial structures, smoky, gigantic signs and street lights all were interwoven by the magic of the night into an electric fairytale.

Usually there were half a dozen or more cars parked in the circle to enjoy this view. To-night there was only the borrowed coupe.

Norma turned from the scene below them to meet the eyes of the boy at her side. She knew what was to happen a full instant before it did yet seemed helpless to prevent it. The girl felt herself swept into a tempestuous embrace, felt Farrell's kisses on her lips and cheek. It seemed a long time before she was able to pull herself away.

"Bob!" she cried indignantly.

"Bob, how could you?"

"Don't say it!" he interrupted sharply.

"Don't even try to tell me how big a fool I've been! I know it as well as you do. Better!"

He was fumbling with the mechanism to start the car. In another moment the coupe had backed and turned and they were driving away swiftly. Through the park the coupe flashed and out on the open road.

Farrell's eyes were on the pavement ahead. He seemed not to realize the girl was beside him. In the shimmering light of a crossroads lamp post Norma caught a swift glimpse of a face that was set and white.

"Bob—" she cried, "where are you going?"

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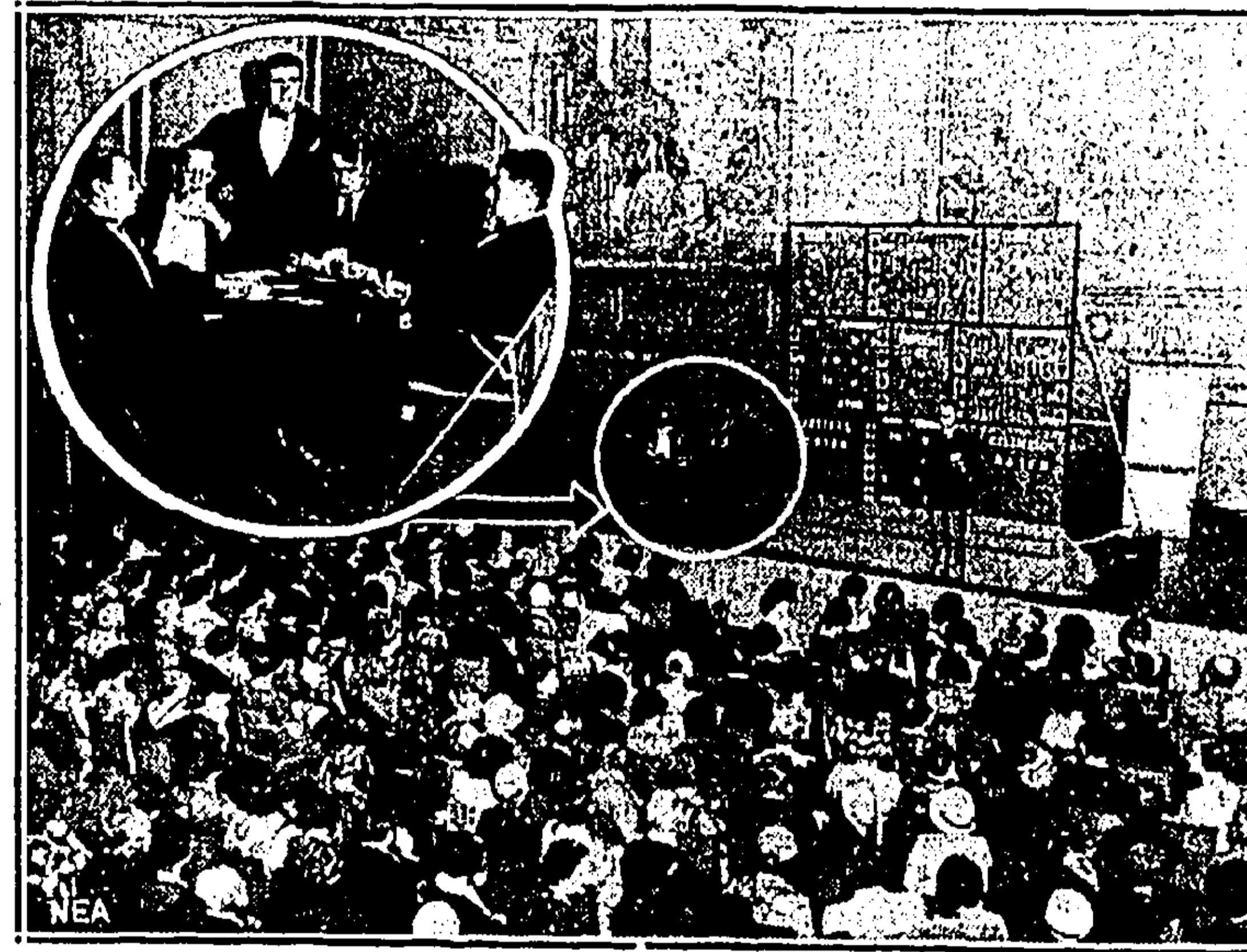
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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of October, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Brasseries No.	Locality	Boundaries Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
1	Star Kitchen Island S. 100, No. 13-45	Christians' Wks.	As per sole plan.	About 16,650	\$45	\$10,300

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of October, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stubbs Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Brasseries No.	Locality	Boundaries Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
2	Star Lot S. 100, No. 33-45	Adjunct. Rural Building Star Building	As per sole plan.	About 10,550	\$24	\$5,550

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Salary Cuts.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—Last night I was told that certain influential tailors of the Colony, including the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, propose to make an all-round cut in their own salaries and Directors' fees and in the salaries of the staffs of their various firms, on condition that Government servants will be similarly treated.

I must admit that this report does not sound true to me. I have recently arrived from the Old Country and there as here the Civil Servant is usually the only one to be called on to make sacrifices. But if there be any truth in the report it will be to be hoped that no action will be taken in reducing the salaries of the staffs of our banks and business houses and of Civil Servants until it is known for certain that the sacrifice is to be a general one, from the top tailor to the most junior clerk, and is to be made on all earned income (salaries, Directors' fees, etc.).

It is easy to propose sacrifices when they are to be made by the other guy.—Yours, etc.

FAIRPLAY.

SILVER FUTURES.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Pentreath and Co. have been advised by cable of the following quotations for New York silver futures as at the close of the market yesterday:

December 1931 30.00 down .50.

May 1932 31.00 down .75.

July 1932 31.40 down .70.

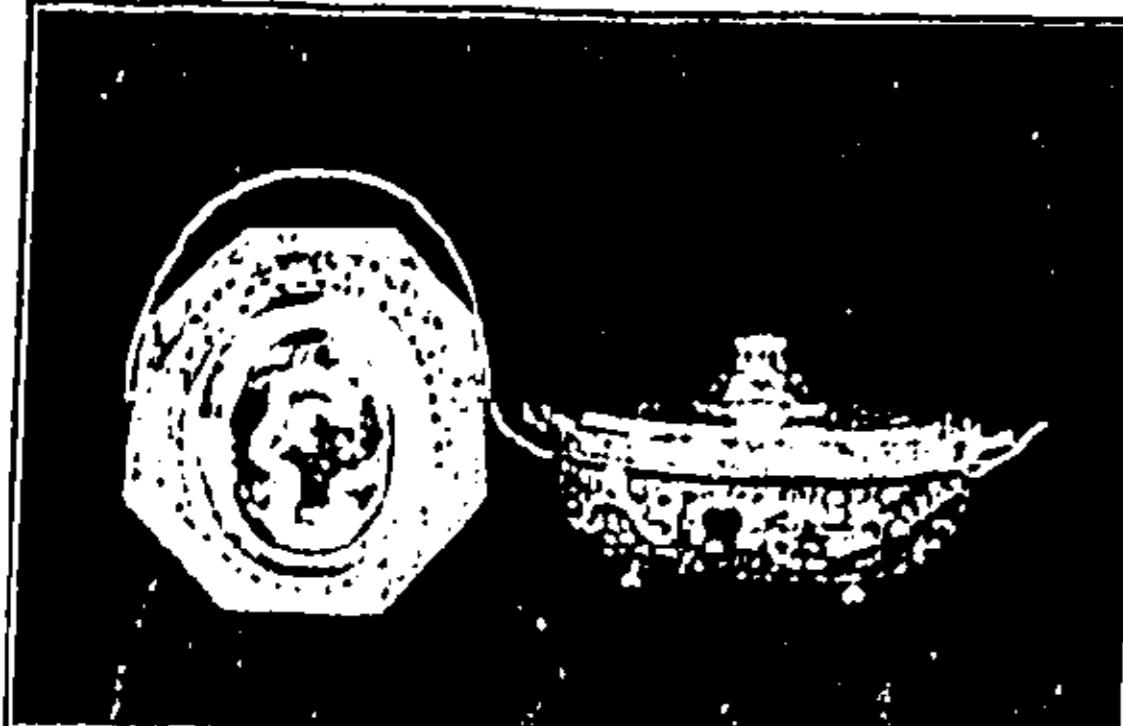
Twelve men and a woman were charged before Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, nine of the men and the woman with the theft of two tons of coal from the B. & S. lighter Seaton at the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter, and the others with receiving stolen property. His Worship fixed next Thursday for the hearing, and granted bail of \$1,000 each.

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**QUESTIONING OF
SUSPECTS.
POLICE POWERS EXPLAINED
BY JUDGE.
SESSIONS ISSUES.**

The rights of police officers in questioning suspects before and after it had been substantially decided to charge them, were fully and clearly stated by the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) this morning, when he gave his decisions on two objections raised by Mr. Hin Shing-lo, who is defending in a Criminal Sessions case where two men are charged with assaulting a woman.

The issue was raised by Mr. Hin Shing-lo, who objected to a certain form of cross-examination employed against the first defendant by Mr. Fitzroy yesterday.

Counsel contended that the accused was asked a series of questions by Mr. Fitzroy from a document before him and which was not produced, and on which he was prompted by Sergeant Meadows, Senior Accounting and Clerical Staff, and Junior Clerical Staff.

KOWLOON AND LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that that was utterly wrong.

Mr. Hin Shing-lo said if Mr. Fitzroy denied he had any such document before him, he would accept it and withdraw the allegation, but he need not put his case so high. He contended that by such a series of questions as were put to the defendant, it was reasonable for any man to infer that the Crown had in its possession some document which was prejudicial to the defence. Such questions, giving such impressions, could not be admissible unless the document were proved.

Counsel's second point was that the answers were to questions put to defendant after he had been arrested. No police officer had any right to question a man between the time he was arrested and the time he was charged, and such questions were inadmissible in law.

His Lordship said there was no doubt that the proposition was good.

Counsel then argued that the next point to consider was the dangerous effect such evidence had on the case.

Judge's Views.

His Lordship, in dealing with the issues raised, said that in regard to the first point, Mr. Fitzroy had not attempted to prove the answers, while, on the second point, though the proposition was good, it depended on how far it was carried.

His Lordship considered that the questions put to the prisoner and the answers made were not to be considered as having an evidentiary backing. He was with counsel on the second point, but did not consider the first objection was valid. If the facts were reduced to writing, there was no reason why counsel should not use them in cross-examination.

The second objection was much more substantial. He did not want to encourage the cross-examination of a prisoner by any police officer after it had been substantially decided to charge the prisoner.

Policeman's Rights.

A police officer was entitled to ask questions before it had been decided to charge the person, in order to ascertain how far the person was an interested party, but after it had been decided to charge him the police officer had no authority to ask questions. There was the question as to how far a police officer could question a prisoner, and how far such questions, and the answers to them could be given in evidence. It was quite fair, in some cases, for questions to be put by a person in authority, but the dividing line between that, the dividing line between how far a police officer could properly ask or could not ask questions, was quite different.

The questions such as had been put to the prisoner in that case, had to be considered as having no evidentiary backing, and, in his opinion, the questions put and the answers extracted, should not be allowed.

The case is proceeding.

UNOFFICIAL SPEECHES IN KEEN BUDGET DEBATE.

(Continued from Page 7.)

practical experience of education and with knowledge of local conditions, to make recommendations to the Government and aid it in determining its educational policy.

Technical Issues.

Mr. Kotewall again criticized the form in which the Estimates are presented annually, while acknowledging that the form of the 1931 Estimates was undoubtedly better than that of any presented in the past several years. He thought that Personal Emoluments, Other Charges and Special Expenditure should be shown separately and that all salaries chargeable to any one department should be allocated to that department instead of having them grouped under the three "omnibus" heads—Cadet Service, Senior Accounting and Clerical Staff, and Junior Clerical Staff.

KOWLOON AND LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

Mr. Braga's Plea for the Dollar Man.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, who described his role as that of special pleader for Kowloon, urged the cause of local industries and the dollar-paid servant of the Government.

Until the Government give an earnest of its determination to apply the axe in respect of the gold section of its administration, he said, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that the community's demand for economy has been ignored.

There are branches of the service, he went on, after paying a tribute to skilled technical men, in which it is little short of a luxury to retain officers on sterling salaries whose positions can and should be filled by men and women who can fulfil the duties with equal if not greater efficiency but drawing their salaries in dollars. A comparison of figures showed that 55 sterling-paid clerks were costing the Government \$409,634 and 679 dollar-paid clerks were to cost \$973,480.

A Comparison.

It remains to be established, said Mr. Braga, whether a £ clerk possesses the factor of 5 in efficiency over the \$ clerk, and the differential treatment of local versus imported hands cannot be too strongly criticised. It is a matter of common knowledge that qualified men have attained the degree entitling them to \$1,800 per annum only after 30 years' service while the commencing salary of a sterling clerk in Class II forthwith draws £160, or \$7,360 at Ex. 15, 3d.

Kowloon's Needs.

As regards Kowloon's needs, Mr. Braga strongly pressed for the early provision of adequate postal services, for the erection of telephone signals in the north-eastern districts, for a portable fire-pump to deal with outbreaks in the outlying districts of New Kowloon, improved hospital and bathing facilities and the removal of disorderly houses from residential areas.

He expressed the hope that there is no truth in the report that the Government contemplated a reduction of public lighting on the mainland.

"If it is on the score of economy that it is proposed to reduce the number of street lamps at certain hours of the night, then in the interest of public safety let it be urged that the sooner this proposed measure of false economy is abandoned the greater will be the sense of security at present enjoyed by the community."

Regarding the K.C.R., Mr. Braga urged that enquiries be made of local dockyards whether the boiler repairs and construction of new

whilst not pressing for any reduction in the direct road taxes, Mr. Bell urged upon the Government the necessity of maintaining the standard of the roads, and, in particular, asked for serious consideration to the question of pressuring on with the compilation of the Shaukwai Road at the earliest possible date.

Taxes Too High.

Mr. Bell contended that the direct taxes should be sufficient to maintain the roads, but that it was hardly reasonable they should be so greatly in excess of the amount required to do so. As regards new roads, the development of them brought in so much revenue to the Government that the cost should be met mainly out of general revenue.

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Salary Question.

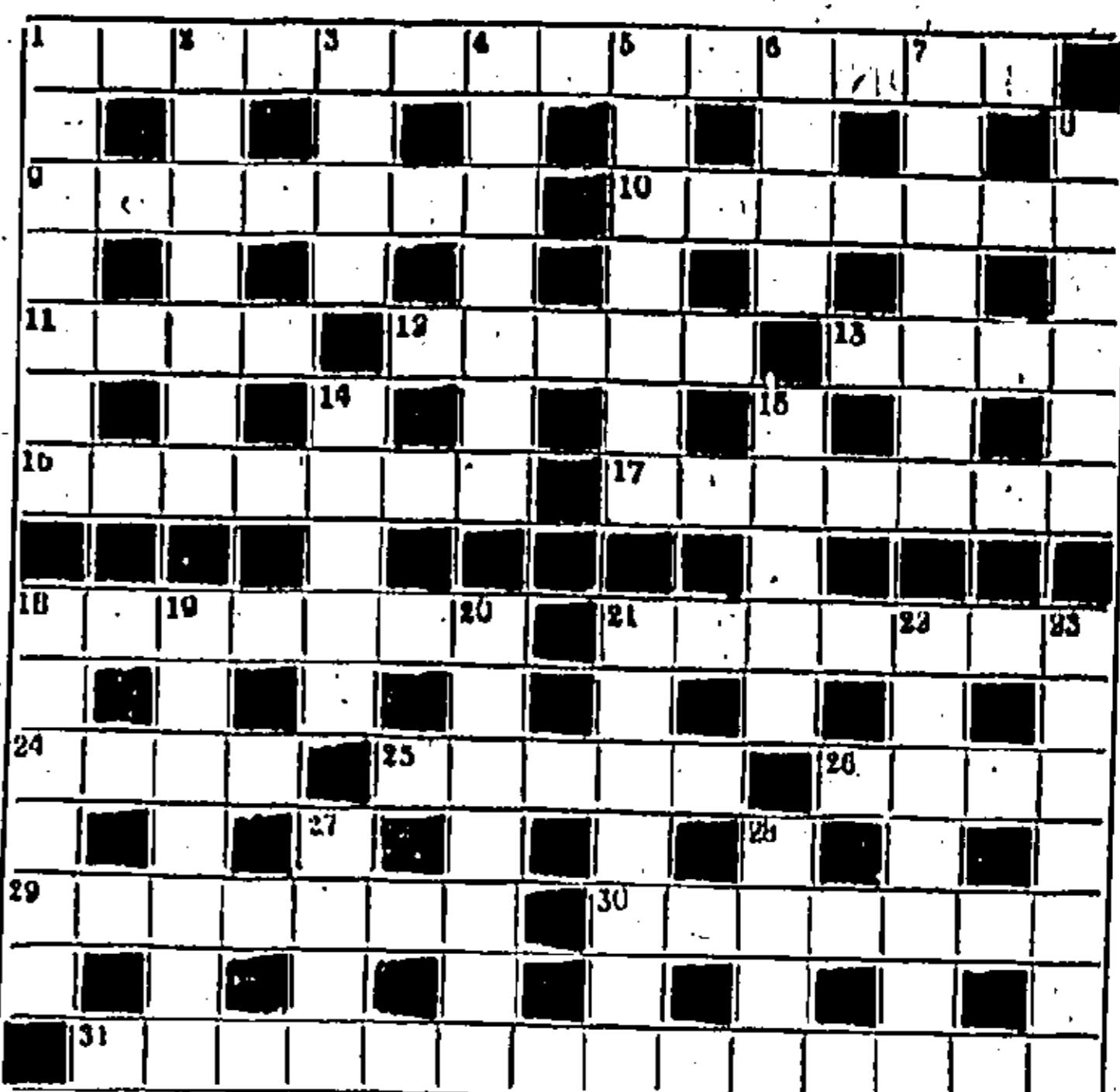
Referring to the question of Government salaries, Mr. Bell pointed out that since the present scale was recommended by the Salaries Commission there had been a very heavy fall in the retail as well as the wholesale prices of all commodities as expressed in sterling, and it was only reasonable to argue that salaries should be reduced accordingly, seeing that these salaries are to be paid in the sterling equivalent in future, or at any rate so long as exchange does not go below a shilling.

ANOTHER TYPHOON.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central near Peking and is spreading to the E.N.E. There are indications of a typhoon about 200 miles North of Yap moving N.W. or N.N.W.

By

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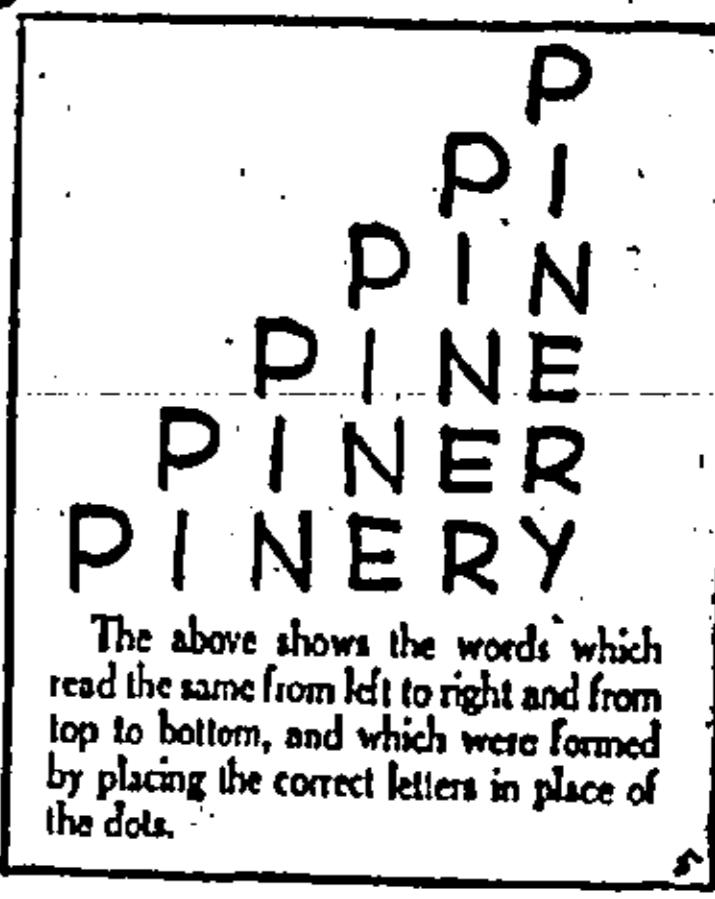
Across

- 1 "The M.C. complains" about an ornamental requirement (anag.).
- 2 Place in office—a Canon would seem suitable.
- 3 English martyr.
- 4 An earthenware pot that a door may be.
- 5 These people are quite unprofessional—out of Italy.
- 6 Very cool; and no kid about it.
- 7 Time rests in the middle of the green.
- 8 As you were, son, might indicate this hat.
- 9 A branch of art in which every dentist must be proficient.
- 10 Italian lady with her own token.
- 11 An African gazelle that certainly does not sound less.
- 12 Thin weapon is obsolete, except among the medical fraternity before tea.
- 13 This farmer's crop grows backwards.
- 14 Here the guardian's charge is placed in sheltered surroundings, ideal.
- 15 One could scarcely accuse last summer in England of this.

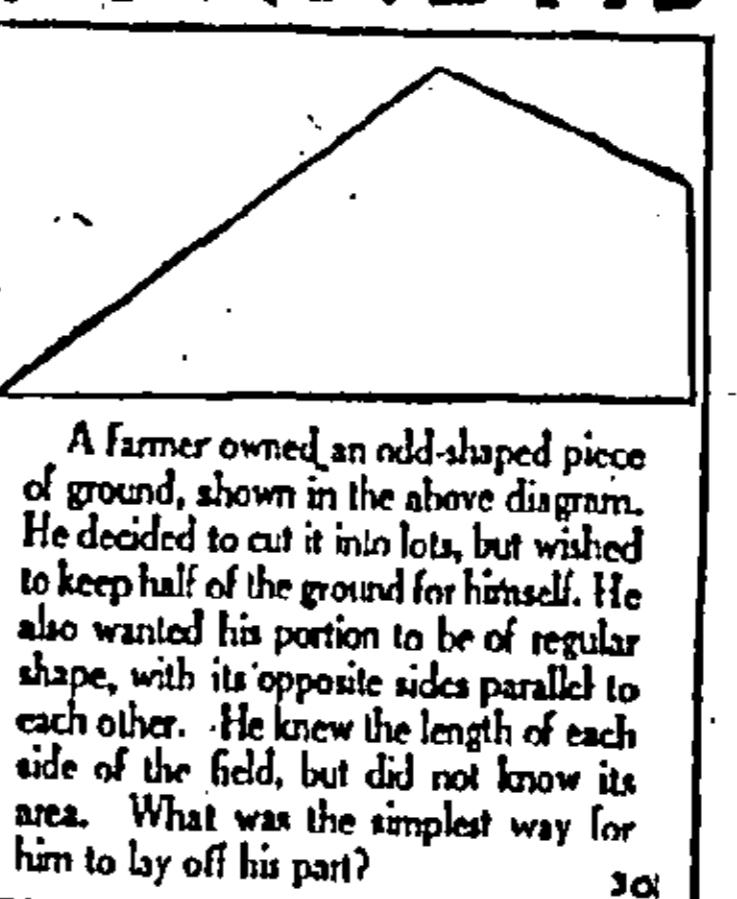
Down

- 1 Stir violently and place it in the stone.
- 2 A waterfall meets all requirements, notwithstanding the fact that there is an unpleasant fellow in the case.
- 3 Dry round the Tower of London.
- 4 A wycliffe takes it easy at first.
- 5 Might be kisses or guns.
- 6 This speck is a perfect rhyme for 3.

Yesterday's Solution.



STICKERS



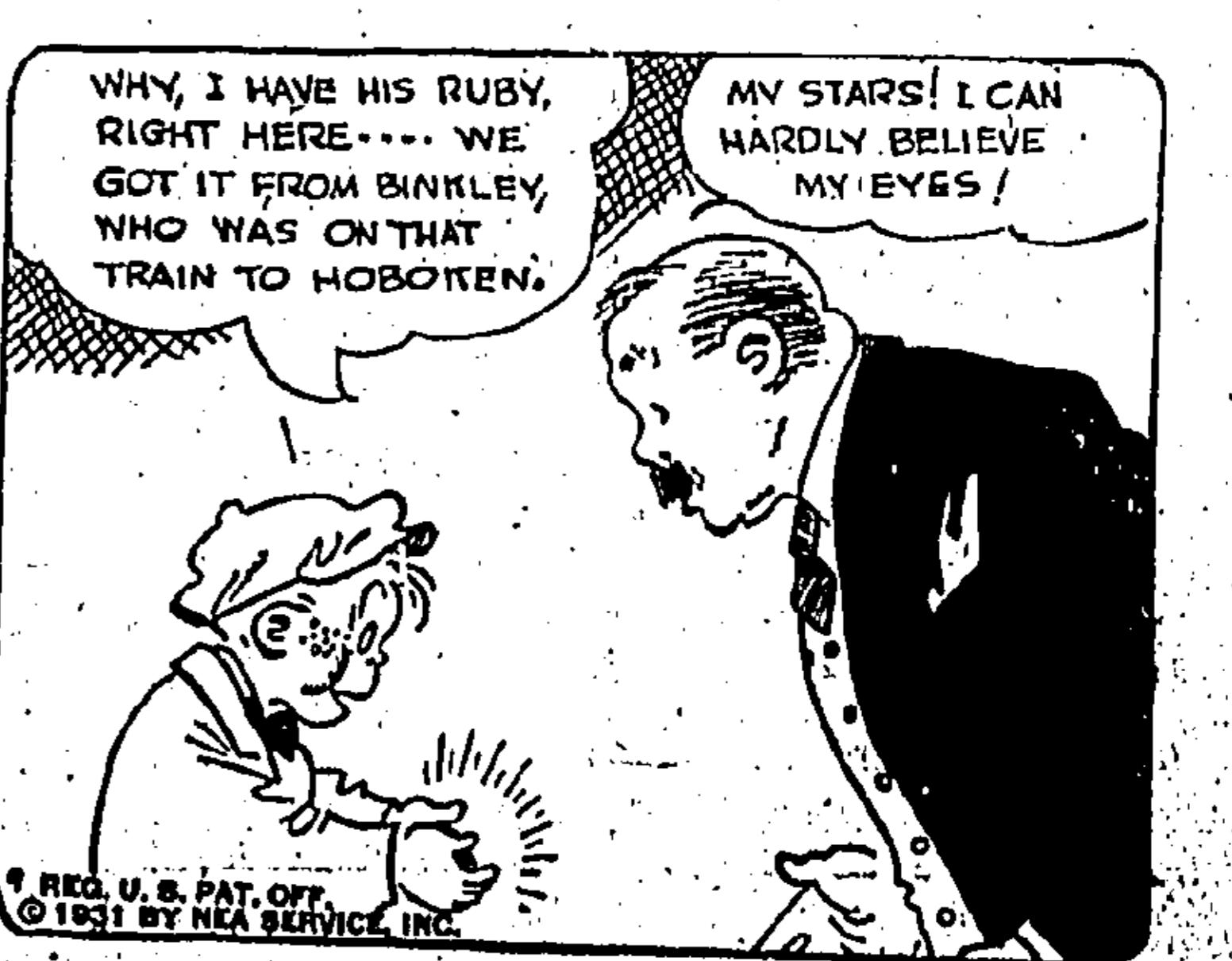
A farmer owned an odd-shaped piece of ground, shown in the above diagram. He decided to cut it into lots, but wished to keep half of the ground for himself. He also wanted his portion to be of regular shape, with its opposite sides parallel to each other. He knew the length of each side of the field, but did not know its area. What was the simplest way for him to lay off his part?



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THE PASSPORT
MUDDLE.

We were hoping that the agenda
for to-day's meeting of the Legis-
lative Council would have contained
further questions in regard to
the Shanghai passport issue. The
matter has been left in such a
highly unsatisfactory state that
there is obvious need for further
pressure being brought to bear on
the Government, in order that the
intentions of the reciprocal ar-
rangement between the Hong-
kong and Shanghai authorities may
be put into effective operation.
When the question was last raised
in Council, the Government showed
itself to be totally unacquainted
with the actualities of the situa-
tion, being under the mistaken im-
pression that any resident of the
Colony can enter Shanghai without
having to comply with visa re-
quirements. This, as has been
clearly shown by the experiences
of recent visitors to Shanghai, as
well as by a statement issued by the
Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd.,
is by no means the case.

According to the Hongkong
Government's interpretation of the
reciprocal arrangement, British
subjects who are not residents of
Hongkong are required to have
Chinese visas on their passports
in order to enter Shanghai, whereas
British residents of the Colony
can enter without a visa. So far as
the Government is aware, no distinc-
tion is made between British
residents born in the Colony and
British residents who merely live
here. However, the point having
been raised, local British residents
are informed that they can have
their passports endorsed with a
certificate of residence, if they so
desire. In putting forward this
suggestion, the Government doubt-
less imagined that a passport so
endorsed would entitle the holder
to enter Shanghai without a visa,
since the endorsement would clearly
show him to be a resident of the
Colony. Unhappily, no such endor-
sement would be accepted by the
Shanghai authorities; so the

method suggested is altogether
valueless. This much is apparent
from the notification issued
by the Canadian Pacific Steam-
ships, Ltd., to the effect that the
Director of the Passport Bureau
in Shanghai has declared that
all persons holding passports
issued by the Hongkong Govern-
ment are subject to visa require-
ments, unless they were actually
born in Hongkong, and that, ac-
cordingly all such passengers on
arrival must obtain a visa at the
office of the Bureau, the fee for
which is ten gold francs. There
is nothing in the least degree am-
biguous in this declaration, but it
does run totally contrary to the
Hongkong Government's concep-
tion of the reciprocal arrangement.

In view of the continuous tra-
ffic between Hongkong and Shanghai,
the matter is one of consider-
able importance, especially to
business men. For this reason,
the Government should without de-
lay take up the issue with the
Shanghai authorities and get the
position thoroughly clarified. How
the misunderstanding has arisen,
we cannot imagine. Surely in any
reciprocal arrangement on a matter
of this kind every care would be
taken to see that the views of the
two parties coincide on the un-
derstanding reached. That they
do not is now all too clear. If
the Chinese contention is correct,
namely, that the concession merely
applies to Hongkong-born people,
the arrangement might as well
never have been made, since it
would affect but a very small pro-
portion of Hongkong residents
visiting Shanghai. The Hongkong
Government has obviously not so
regarded the arrangement, for
which reason it is essential that
the issue be reopened.

A Corner in Gold?

The gold holdings of the United
States recently passed the \$5,000,-
000,000 mark. This was over 45
per cent. of the world's total mon-
etary stocks. Shortly after
the new high mark was set, America began to lose
large amounts, about \$500,-
000,000 moving out with astonish-
ing rapidity. Instead of welcoming
the development, the New York
Federal Reserve Bank clamped
an increase on the re-discount rate in order to
safeguard the \$4,500,000,000 left!
Is the United States trying to
corner the metal on which the
world's money is based? How can the
United States trade with the
world's medium of exchange? Au-
thorities in Washington declare
that 40 per cent. has sought refuge
in the United States for safety's
sake, the inference being that when
conditions return to normal, that
portion of the gold will flow back
again. The explanation is far from
satisfactory. The particular rea-
son for the incoming of a shipload
of gold is as cloaked in mystery as
the ultimate destination of a field
of wheat. Just as the wheat is not
segregated for disposal at home or
abroad, so the gold arrives in the
United States without bearing any
explanation as to why it has come.
All that one can say definitely is
that it is settling debts which
remain unadjusted in any other way.
The debt may of course have
arisen by the transfer or capital
by persons who doubt its safety in
their own country. But these
transactions are lost in myriads of
other transactions which are final-
ly balanced by gold shipments.
Clearly a world on a gold standard
must keep the metal fairly evenly
distributed. How can this be
done when nations are all different
in their economic status? Hither-
to reliance has been put upon the
thesis that the gold-receiving, or
creditor, nations would reinvest
their funds in the gold-
losing, or debtor, countries.
But in the post-war world
this tendency has been either
in suspense or in faulty operation.
The gold flow was a one-way move-
ment—to the United States and to
France. In Latin America and in
central Europe, loss of gold caused
loss of confidence, which resulted
in further losses of gold. The gold
store in the United States is thus
explicable only along a causal
chain. The point has now been
reached where equilibrium cannot
be regained by recourse to the old

DAY BY DAY

WHEN A YOUNG WOMAN BEHAVES
TO HER PARENTS IN A MANNER
PARTICULARLY TENDER AND RES-
PECTFUL, I MEAN FROM PRINCIPAL
AS WELL AS NATURE, THERE IS
NOTHING GOOD AND GENTLE THAT
MAY NOT BE EXPECTED FROM HER IN
WHATEVER CONDITION SHE IS PLACED
—Fordyce.

There will be a Lecture at the
Hongkong Lodge, Theosophist So-
ciety, 7, Queen's Road Central, to-day
at 6 p.m.

The American Mail Line advise that
the a.m. President Cleveland will
arrive Hongkong on Saturday evening,
October 24th, and will sail from Hong-
kong for Manila on Sunday at 6 p.m.

An attractive programme has been
arranged for the Hongkong Volunteer
Defence Corps Promenade Concert
which takes place to-morrow (Friday)
evening at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Mr. A. E. Paul, of the Hongkong
Electric Company's quarters at North
Point, has reported to the police that
some person stole a sum of \$120 from
his dressing-table drawer some time
between last Friday and Wednesday.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced between Staff Sergeant
Sydney Henry Cheetham, R.A.O.C.,
and Miss Daisy Evelyn Walker, a
Queen's Army schoolmistress, who is
travelling to Hongkong on the T. S.
Neurana.

Dr. William Yuen, who obtained his
qualifications in Hongkong and did
post graduate work in England, has
arrived in India to commence practice
there. He will be joined in his practice
by his wife Dr. Hon Shu, who
also obtained her degree in Europe.

According to a report made to the
police, Nam Pun, aged 25, apparently
a mendicant, was admitted to the
Government Civil Hospital yesterday
suffering from the effects of opium
poisoning which are believed to have
been self-administered. His condition
is not serious.

Mr. Jubei Abe has been transferred
to the Kobe Office of the M.B.K., and
Mr. Nobusaburo Hirayama has been
appointed Manager of the Hongkong
Office. Mr. Masuo Kawazu, Mr.
Tatsu Takahashi and Mr. Yoshi-
Haysuki will continue to sign on the
thrust's behalf as Assistant Managers.

Regarding the admission of school
groups to the China Exhibition at a
reduced charge of 20 cents per head,
applications have already been re-
ceived totalling 1,200 children. As
this is the maximum possible number,
that can be admitted at the special
rate, no more applications can be con-
sidered.

The loss of a Colt revolver from
the s.s. Chin Huai has been reported
to the police by Mr. G. R. Gow, the
second officer, who intimated that the
weapon was handed to the Chinese
quartermaster to clean on October 14
and two days later the quartermaster
was dismissed at Swatow. He is
suspected of having taken the revolver
with him. The loss was not discovered
until the ship's arms were checked
on arrival in Hongkong.

expedients. Investment in some of
the gold-losing countries, for exam-
ple, is out of the question, at least
on the old basis, because their
bonds are unsaleable among
American investors. The United
States should be trying to now
reverse the flow of gold.
Instead, a check is put on
immediately such a tendency ex-
hibits itself.



"I have it now—change your history hour to home
economics, drop French for painting and then we can have
our lunch hour together."

THE GOLD STANDARD versus BI-METALLISM.

By LORD GREENWAY.

4. Instead of there being a decline in Government revenues there
must be a large increase.

5 and 6. The grave injuries and
hardships indicated would not be incurred because:

(a) the recipients of the dole
and wage earners would be com-
pensated by the increased em-
ployment and the higher wages
which would be brought about by
a general return to prosperity.
(b) the investors and other
classes referred to would suffer
no injustice, inasmuch as they
are at present, owing to the ap-
preciation in gold, enjoying an
advantage to which they are not
entitled, i.e., an 'unearned in-
cremen' to remove which, in
the case of owners of land, the
late Government passed their re-
cent Land Tax Bill.

The Chief causes of the world's
present financial and economic
troubles are, undoubtedly, as
shown by the Macmillan Commit-
tee Report:

(1) the low prices now obtain-
ing for raw commodities.

(2) the great fall in the value
of silver, and

(3) the consequent diminish-
ing purchasing power of the
whole world.

In the case of Australia alone
the fall last year in the National
Revenue due to the lower prices ob-
tained for her raw products, and
the consequent reduction in her
purchasing power, amounted to
£70,000,000, and, similarly,
the National Revenues and the
purchasing power of every other
country in the world have been cor-
respondingly affected.

These low prices are the direct
result of the appreciation which
has taken place in the value of gold
during the past few years as com-
pared with the production of other
commodities, for which it is at pre-
sent the sole medium of barter or
exchange in all the principal pur-
chasing countries.

The same position arose, al-
though in a much less acute de-
gree, about 50 years ago, when the
production of gold from Australia
largely decreased and caused a
heavy slump in the prices of
other commodities. To over-
come this the abandonment of the
Gold Standard and the adoption of
Bi-Metallism were then strongly
advocated, but the difficulty at that
time was solved by the sudden dis-
covery of large supplies of gold in
the Rand which rendered a change
of standard unnecessary for the
time being.

In recent years, however, there
has again been a serious falling off
in the world's production of gold,
coupled with a large increase in
the production of other commodi-
ties, and the need for the general
abandonment of the inefficient Gold
Standard has become more urgent
than ever it was.

Added to the falling off in
the production of gold, there has been
a large increase in the demand for
metal due to the fact that during
this period many countries
which were formerly on a Silver
basis have adopted the Gold Stan-
dard, thereby rendering gold more
unsuitable than ever as the sole
medium for barter or exchange.
What the result will be if China
carries out her long desired intention
of abandoning her Silver basis
is not easy to imagine, but it
would certainly mean a further ap-
preciation in the purchasing power
of gold and a correspondingly fur-
ther lowering of prices for com-
modities all over the world, and a
consequent accentuation of the pre-
sent economic difficulties.

To explain fully the beneficial
effects of the adoption of Bi-
Metallism would, I am afraid, take
up too much space, but, briefly,
they may be summarised as fol-
lows:

(1) It would restore, or par-
tially restore, the value of the
vast hoards of silver in India
and China (variously estimated
as amounting at cost to £2,500,-
000,000 to £5,000,000,000), and
correspondingly increase the
purchasing powers of those coun-
tries.

(2) It would increase the
prices of raw commodities all
over the world, and correspondingly
increase the purchasing power of every country (includ-
ing England).

(3) This increased purchasing
power of the whole world would
solve, or go long way towards
solving, the unemployment prob-
lem, which is to-day affecting
nearly every country, and is the
main cause of our present trou-
bles.

(4) By increasing the demand
for labour it would to a great
extent solve the dole question,
and by doing away with the evi-
lent.

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UNOFFICIAL SPEECHES IN KEEN BUDGET DEBATE.

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exercise the strictest economy especially when the Colony is undergoing, to quote once more the Hon. Colonial Secretary, "considerable financial perturbation."

"In view of the facts I have mentioned, and in view also of the salary cuts that have been authorised in Great Britain and in colonies such as Ceylon and Singapore, we are of the opinion that it would be fair that some reduction should be made in the salaries of sterling-paid officers in the Civil Service of Hongkong."

Unfair Contention.

Continuing, the hon. member said:—"The Hon. Colonial Secretary, when referring to the 'compromise,' said that 'the Government does not consider it fair that one section only of the community should bear such a disproportion at share of the burden of balancing the Budget.' He also said that the example set by Government has not been generally followed by the business firms of the Colony; that though certain mercantile houses have found it necessary to reduce salaries they are not firms which should be taken as a barometer for the adjustment of Government salaries, and that other large business firms, so far as the Government is aware, have not found it necessary to curtail to any appreciable extent the dollar equivalent of their sterling salaries."

"We do not admit the fairness of the first contention for the reason as I have stated, that the compromise was merely an equitable readjustment. Nor can we leave unchallenged his statement concerning business houses.

Offsetting the Increase.

"The unofficials are sorry that they have to move for a reduction in the salaries of the sterling-paid officers, but they feel that they would be failing in their duty to the public which they represent, if they were to allow this further increase to personal emoluments by the abandonment of the 'compromise' without proposing some measure to offset the increase."

"It is calculated that the difference between the Estimates, framed on a 1/- dollar and those on a 1/3 dollar, is about \$1,500,000. If the sum represented by this difference should ever materialise, it should, we suggest, be utilized for financing some of the urgently needed public works that have been postponed from year to year, such as a new Government Civil Hospital, Infectious Diseases Hospital, and Lunatic Asylum."

After referring to the Retrenchment Commission's report and asking that, when published, a statement should accompany it showing the savings that will be effected both in 1932 and ultimately, Sir Shouson Chow asked why the report of the Clegg Currency Mission had not been published and when it would be. He then went on to refer in detail to individual items in the Estimates.

Uneconomical Method.

Speaking of a vote of \$6,400 for training expenses of a Government Marine Surveyor in England, he remarked:—"The system of training men after they have been engaged, in order to qualify them for their work, seems to us to be one that is open to condemnation, in that it is not only uneconomical, but does not conduce to efficiency. In future we trust that only properly qualified men will be engaged."

Sir Shouson Chow urged that the work of recasting and consolidating the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance should be expedited, and, in dealing with the subject of Public Works Extraordinary said the Unofficial members desired to mention that comments and criticisms had been expressed on the terms and conditions attached to the notification calling for tenders for the passenger and vehicles ferry, and trusted that, in the interests of the Colony, the Government would give due weight to any representations which may receive on the subject.

After expressing the congratulations of the Unofficial members to H. E. the Governor for preserving cordial relations with Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Sir Shouson Chow concluded by assuring His Excellency of their loyal and whole-hearted support of any measures which he might deem it necessary to adopt for maintaining peace and order in these times of unrest and anxiety.

STERLING SALARIES.

Mr. Mackie Urges Ten Per Cent. Cut.

The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, devoted the greater part of his speech to the sterling salary question, intimating that all the Unofficial members were in entire agreement with him.

Before dealing with this question, however, he mentioned as a matter of urgent attention the survey of the harbour, so that the long overdue work of dredging could be taken in hand without further delay. He mentioned the new wharf which the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. is erecting at a cost of over a million dollars, and observed that it would not be available for big modern liners until a channel is dredged. This work, he maintained, is essentially a work which should be carried out by and at the expense of the Government, whose duty it is to provide access to berths for all steamers trading to this port.

Public Feeling.

Continuing his speech, Mr. Mackie said:—"Turning to the question of sterling salaries, to which reference had already been made, that is a subject which—if judged by what one reads and hears—is causing more adverse comment and arousing stronger public feeling than any other matter raised in connection with the estimates for 1932."

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in his able general survey in introducing the Budget unfortunately when dealing with salaries drew a picture describing the salaries of the sterling paid Civil Servants had been called upon to bear in the burden of balancing the Budget as compared with the employees of the business concerns of the Colony.

"His statements were not at all convincing and were, in fact, very misleading, as, I may state, almost without exception, the entire business and professional community has been very severely hit by bad trade and the drop in exchange.

Business Firms' Cuts.

"I have sent to your Excellency in a state of high efficiency, it encloses a continual stream of young men into the responsible positions, instead of, as often happens, responsibility does not come until the recipient is already too advanced into the groove of his predecessor."

After suggesting the desirability of having a liaison officer or officers between Hongkong and Canton, by an interchange of officers between the Hongkong Government and the British Consulate in Canton, Mr. Shenton expressed the apprehension of the Law Society of Hongkong over the proposal to have a qualified Cadet officer as Assistant Attorney General, on the ground that legal positions should not be held by those who have not been in active legal practice.

Sanitary Board Chairman.

Dealing with the question of the Chairman of the Sanitary Board being a Cadet, Mr. Shenton said his personal view was that this position should be occupied by a person possessing technical knowledge.

"I fail to believe," he said, "that a specialist possessing ordinary intelligence cannot adapt himself to the susceptibilities of the Chinese. When all is said and done times are changing rapidly, Chinese are demanding in their ordinary daily life conditions of living in conformity with modern ideas of sanitation. Nanking is demanding the assistance of the world's experts in her public health work, and I refuse to believe that the Chinese of this Colony do not wish for similar facilities."

Missing Chater Pictures.

Referring to the Chater collection of pictures, Mr. Shenton said in 1927 a most emphatic undertaking was given by the Colonial Secretary for their safe custody and preservation, and he sincerely hoped that every effort was being made to get back any missing pictures from those who have purloined them.

Mr. Shenton went on to refer to various items in the Estimates, and, in dealing with the University, suggested that the good work it is doing has not yet been sufficiently recognised at home. He would also have liked to see more than the sum of \$50,000 provided for the Kowloon British School, an institution which carries on under great difficulties and caters for a section of the community which has a just claim on public funds.

EDUCATION SYSTEM.
Committee of Inquiry
Suggested.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewill, speaking for the Chinese community, urged that posts in the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff be thrown open to local men of proved ability and discretion. More, he said later, would have to be done for education, though it was a pleasure to find the Government increasing its grants in various directions.

It appeared to him that the time has come when the educational system as a whole should be thoroughly overhauled, and urged the appointment of a committee of enquiry, composed of men with

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Council, full justice would be done both to the Civil Servant and to the taxpayer if salaries are reduced by 10 per cent. before conversion into dollars. I shall therefore in due course move the following amendment to Section Two of the proposed Bill:

"That a sum not exceeding \$25,708,257 in place of the sum of \$29,641,787 shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1932."

MR. SHENTON'S VIEWS.
Plans for Retirements at Fifty-Five.

In the absence of the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, his speech was read by the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso.

After communicating with the Director of Public Works in that many of his cherished toys had been taken from his shop window and placed on the obscure shelves of the future, Mr. Shenton hoped that the economies on road maintenance were not too drastic, and went on to suggest that Unofficials might sit with the Government Estimated Committee in order to acquaint themselves with the reasons put forward by various Departments in justification of their applications.

Mr. Shenton then proceeded to draw attention to Ordinance No. 2 of 1932 under which the Governor's Council can, with the approval of the Secretary of State, dispense with the service of any Government servant at any time after he has attained the age of 55. He expressed the view that when Civil Servants reach that age, except in exceptional cases, the time had arrived for their retirement on pension.

Chance for Younger Men.

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The cost of living has admittedly not gone up to the same extent that exchange has fallen and anyone fortunate enough to be drawing his sterling pay at current exchange is infinitely better off than he could reasonably expect to be.

"Government Servants at Home, in Ceylon, the Straits and other places have all had their salaries cut and it is only fitting that the Civil Servants of this Colony should shoulder their fair share of the burden occasioned by the present world wide depression instead of increasing the levy on the already sorely-hit taxpayers and incidentally finding themselves better off than they have ever been at any time during their service."

Unanimous Decision.

"Full consideration to this subject has been given at meetings of the Committees of the Chamber of Commerce and China Association and of Un-official Members of this Council. The decision unanimously adopted was that as the Secretary of State for the Colonies has definitely decided that sterling salaries are to be paid at Treasury rate of exchange as from 1st January next, notwithstanding that the present basis of payment is acceptable to the Official as well as the Un-official Members of this

NOTED AUSTRIAN DRAMATIST.

PASSING OF DR. A. SCHNITZLER.

NOVELIST, ALSO.

Vienna, Oct. 21.

Dr. Arthur Schnitzler, the noted Austrian dramatist, died at his home this afternoon from heart failure. He had been ill for several days.

Arthur Schnitzler, the Australian author and dramatist was born in May, 1862, in Vienna, where his father was a medical professor. He himself became a doctor in 1886, practised at various hospitals and went to London and Paris to study public health measures, afterwards acting as assistant to his father at the Vienna General Hospital.

In 1893 he became an army doctor but on the publication of his military story "Lieut. Gustl" he had to resign and devoted himself exclusively to literature. The intellectual atmosphere of his father's house where he met all sorts of people—savants, business magnates, lawyers, artists, bankers and above all the actors of the famous Burgtheatre—influenced his literary work even more than did his medical training.

Piquant Style.

"Amatol" a brilliant series of dramatic dialogues was the first of his works to attract attention. It is marked by graceful diction and well-observed characters. The scenes of his very numerous plays and stories are almost all laid in the Vienna of his youth, a world much freer from care than the city of to-day, prosperous and little concerned with social problems.

His style was piquant and he in the light touch typical of Austrian authors. His first performed play was "Das Marchen" (1893) and it was followed by "Liebel," his most frequently given piece, which had a great success. Then came "Friedwald" and "Reigen," ten scenes with the same erotic motive, which was the subject of much controversy and was not staged till 1920 when it was given against Schnitzler's will and amid strong protests from some quarters.

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Chinese Displeased.

Chinese quarters are very much concerned at the possibility that the Committee will recommend the Council to adjourn further, without having accomplished anything more than the virtual repetition of the September decision. Then it was urged upon Japan that her troops be withdrawn by October 14. And of course, her troops were not withdrawn and no effort was made to negotiate with China.

Later, despite the decisions taken by the Committee of Five—which have caused so much adverse comment—it appears that everything to a certain extent will be subordinated to the Japanese Reply, which has not yet been received.

The tone of the Reply will directly influence the wording of the resolution to be submitted to the Council.

The impression in French circles late to-night was more favourable than it was earlier on. The Japanese Reply which M. Briand confidently hopes will be satisfactory is expected by to-morrow at least.

The Committee of Five will sit again to consider the Reply (if received) at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow morning before returning a resolution to the public meeting of the Council.—Reuter.

A Hint to Young Marshal?

Peking, Oct. 21.

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RADIO BROADCAST

EUROPEAN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres to-day is: 5.00-8.00 p.m. European programme of Columbia records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co. DB461.

5.00-5.35 p.m. Variety.

Orchestra-The Woman in the Shoe.

Orchestra-One Love is Real.

Ben Selvin and His Orchestra, 2014-D.

Choral-Maori Song.

Rotorua Maori Choir of New Zealand.

5.35-6.05 p.m. Humorous Song-We All Go Oo!

Ha! Ha! Together.

Humorous Song-Who Could? We Could.

Lupino Lane DB465.

Vocal Duet-Building a Home For You.

Vocal-Duo-Smiles-Time on my Hands.

Layton and Johnston, Layton DB565.

Song-We Must All Pull Together.

Song-Gorgonzola.

Jack Morrison (Comedian), DB430.

Humorous Song-When You Were My Sweetheart and I Was the Kid Next Door.

Jack Plant (Baritone), DB472.

5.35-6.05 p.m. European children's programme from the studio.

Martial Moments-March Medley (arr. Winter).

The Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards, 906b.

On the Quarter Deck (Alford).

Ellesmere (Gracie).

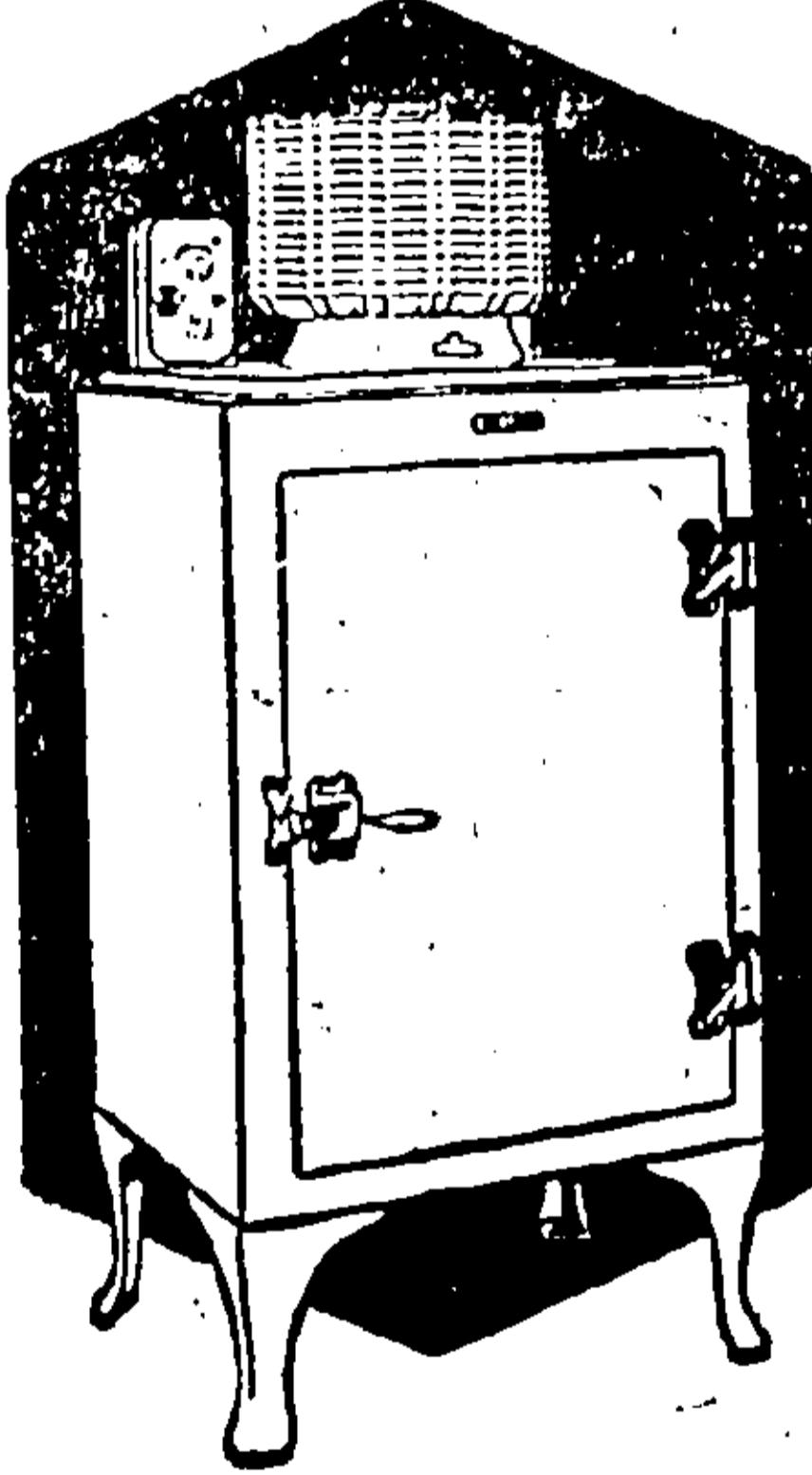
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LOCAL HOCKEY.

RESULTS OF GAMES PLAYED YESTERDAY.

Playing at Sookkunpo, the R.A.S.C. defeated the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club by two goals to one, yesterday afternoon.

The game was keenly contested, the military side obtaining their two goals through L/Cpl. Fry and Spain in the first half, while the ladies scored through Mrs. P. Harrop in the second half.

The R.A.S.C. forwards did most of the attacking in the first half, and it was only the alertness of Mrs. Ritchie in goal that prevented them from adding to their tally. The ladies pressed at the beginning of the second half when they got their only goal, but thereafter the honours were even.

Recreo Ladies' Draw.

On the University ground yesterday afternoon, the home team drew with the Recreo Ladies, each side getting three goals.

The University did not play only ten men, but this does not detract from the showing the ladies put up.

In the first half the men did all the attacking and scored two goals to their opponents' one; but in the second session the ladies turned the tables and added two more goals to their tally, while the University got only one. The game was a thrilling one and productive of some good hockey.

Club "A" Argyle.

Playing on the U.S.R.C. ground, King's Park, yesterday afternoon, a decisive victory was gained by the Hongkong Hockey Club, by three goals to nil, against the Argyles.

The soldiers held the civilian team during the first half, which was not productive of any goals, but they fell off in the second period and allowed their opponents to pierce their defence.

Club "A" Team for To-morrow.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club's "A" team against the K.B.S.E.P.A. on the latter's ground at King's Park tomorrow, at 6.15 p.m.:—E. S. Moses, G. F. Rees, H. B. Petrie, H. Owen Davies, E. G. Dakin, F. W. Allen, W. Reinecke, W. B. Smith, S. Hill, R. H. D. Wade and R. W. Sapard.

LOCAL SOCCER.

The following team has been selected to represent the 1st XI of the Hongkong Football Club on Saturday, Sunday, Kowloon on the Club Ground, Happy Valley at 4.30 p.m.:—Rogers; Pitt and Strange; M. Dalton, Skinner and Baldwin; Bell; Pete Hunt, Howe, E. Strange and Jackson. Reserves: A. Macfarlane.

GOLF AS THE STARS play it



IF ACCURACY IS DESIRED, ONE MUST AVOID OVERSWINGING BY SHORTENING THE BACKSWING.

What are the results of overswinging?

Loss of accuracy is probably the worst result of overswinging. When the club goes beyond the horizontal position in the backswing, much of the accuracy of the shot is lost. Often, though it means a slice, a hook or a topped shot. A shortened backswing does much to eliminate these faults.

Overswinging may be caused by a grip that is too loose. When the club hits the golfer on the back of the neck in the backswing, the grip is loose. Therefore, the grip of the left hand should be tightened.

You sacrifice distance to obtain accuracy with a shortened backswing in iron play. So it should be with woods. Accuracy is more easily obtained if one shortens the backswing and avoids overswinging.—ART KRENZ.

COMMENCING SUNDAY AT THE QUEEN'S



SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1 0 b.
Chartered Bank, £1 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £18.

East Asia, \$134 s.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$145 b.
Union Ins., \$145 b.
China Underwriters, \$4.60 s.a.

China Fires, \$650 n.

H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,450 s.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$24 n.
H.K. Steamboats, \$254 s.

Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$36 n.

Union Waterboats, \$28 n.

Mining.

Benquet, \$12 s.
Kallana, 30/- n.

Shai Explorations, Tls. 2 n.

Raubs, \$16½ s.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$155 b.
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Hongkong 1/3 1/2½

Brussels 28 28½

Milan 70½ 76

Copenhagen 17½ 17½

Prague 132 132

Lisbon 109½ 109½

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Yokohama 2/6½ 2/6½

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KOWLOON RUGBY.

TEAM AGAINST MEDWAY SECOND FIFTEEN.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon in a rugby game against H.M.S. Medway second fifteen on Saturday:

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.**NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.**

No picture of recent date has so faithfully captured the scene of splendor of nature and so ably utilized it in the envelopment of romance and drama as "Eyes of the World," the Inspiration United Artists picture which is showing at the Queen's Theatre.

Under the expert direction of Henry King, maker of many screen epics, and the capable acting of Una Merkel, John Holland, Nancy O'Neill and Brandon Hurst, the picture is superb entertainment, appealing both to the eye and the emotion. There are moments of rare pastoral beauty in the pictures, especially in the love scenes, which are placed sympathetically against a background of gorgeous trees and eye-filling vistas. There are powerful dramatic scenes and thrilling breath-taking rides and at the end a touch of sublimity. Director King has made a motion picture that is fit company for his other achievements, "The White Sister," "Tall as David," "Stella Dallas," and "The Winning of Barbara Worth."

The story of "Eyes of the World" was adapted from the novel by Harold Bell Wright and recounts the simple saga of a young, unsophisticated mountain girl who experiences the joys and pains of love for the first time.

Through the machinations of a lovestarved woman, the mountain girl is awakened to the jarring realities of life and her romance is momentarily interrupted until she awakens to a new sense of values.

The photoplay is distinguished because of King's direction and the masterly characterization of Una Merkel; a new luminary in the field of screen drama. Miss Merkel's personation of "Sally," the mountain girl, is a masterly character painting. Her voice, richly southern, pleasant to hear and unaffected by those stage mannerisms.

John Holland plays the role of "Aaron King," the artist with whom the girl falls in love. Nancy O'Neill, who is considered America's greatest emotional actress, exceeds all expectations. Brandon Hurst is seen and heard in the unsympathetic role of "Mr. Taine." Fern Andra, German's screen star, though she was born in America, makes her Hollywood debut as "Mrs. Taine," a part that bears some similarity to the memorable roles created by Theda Bara. Others in the cast are Hugh Huntley, Frederic Burt, William Jeffery, Eddie Jensen, Florence Roberts and Myra Hubert.

"6 Cylinder Love."

Modern realism in film production is a great thing for the hungry actor, according to William Collier, Sr., during the making of "6 Cylinder Love," the current Fox laugh riot at the

Kings' Theatre, one of the opening scenes shows Collier and his film wife, Ruth Warren, at breakfast. Now the set was nearly three blocks away from the studio restaurant, and ordinarily Collier's digestion would have been astounded by plates of clammy wheat-cakes and cups of lukewarm coffee. But the set was not an ordinary one; it was the dining room of one of two completely equipped houses built especially for the picture.

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POLO TOURNEY.**FINAL OF THE K.O.Y.L.I. CUP CONTEST.**

In the final of the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup, played yesterday, one of the most interesting and exciting games ever seen in Hongkong was witnessed by a large crowd. The match was between the Argylls and the Civilian team, who won after extra time.

Which was the better side it would be difficult to say. At one time one team was leading and at another the other.

In the first chukker Stanton was the first to get away but failed to score, this was followed up by the Argylls getting away but they too failed to score. After some midfield play Newbigging scored the first goal for the Civilians. From a free hit Newbigging scored the 2nd goal. At the end of the first chukker the Civilians led 2-0.

At the beginning of the 2nd chukker Church hit a good ball which was heading for the goal but Gordon got there just in time and saved a certain goal. The first point for the Argylls was scored by Stewart from a difficult angle. This was followed quickly by another goal for the Argylls scored by Church. Newbigging scored the 3rd goal for his side after a good run down the field. At half time the score was 3-2 in favour of the Civilians.

In the 3rd chukker Brunwell scored another goal for his side followed up closely by Edie who scored another for the Civilians. The next goal was scored by a good pass by Stewart to Brunwell who put it through. Stanton scored the fifth goal for the Civilians. At the end of the 3rd chukker the score was 5-4, in favour of the Civilians.

The 4th and last chukker proved to be the most exciting of the whole match. Stewart scored the fifth goal for the Argylls, bringing the scores level. Both sides were playing excellently polo and for the rest of the chukker exciting up and down play was witnessed both sides nearly scoring several times. At the end of the 4th chukker the scores were level and extra time had to be played.

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Prizes Presented.

At the conclusion of the tournament H. E. Major-General Sandilands, Chairman of the Polo Club, congratulated the winners on their performance and said he was sure that it was one of the most exciting tournaments that he had ever witnessed in Hongkong.

He paid tribute to the South Wales Borderers and hoped that their defeat would not put them off polo as it is a game which cannot be learnt in a day, and he hoped next year that they would have luck.

He then asked Mrs. Saville to present the prizes, at the conclusion of which she was given three hearty cheers.

Amongst those present were H. E. the Governor, H. E. Major-General Sandilands, Col. and Mrs. Shattock, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Robin Gordon, Mrs. Newbigging, Mrs. Turner, Col. Cousins and Miss Cousins, Capt. and Mrs. Agnew-Wallace and Capt. and Mrs. Grant.

The umpires were Col. Saville and Major Roche-Kelly, and the referee and time-keeper was Lt. J. B. Gleig.

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MARITAL TROUBLES AIRED.

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN GLADSTONE CASE.

Hearing of the proceedings which Mrs. A. F. Gladstone is bringing against her husband for maintenance and legal custody of their two children, was resumed before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Cross-examined by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, Mr. Gladstone said that after leaving the employ of Messrs. Caldwell, MacGregor and Co. Ltd., of Shanghai, he became an insurance agent, then came to Hongkong where he got employment with the Kowloon Godown Company. This post he later left to fill a position at the Hongkong University. He was now employed at the Hongkong Hotel.

Mr. Brooks: In six years you held six different positions. It would be fair to describe you as somewhat of a rolling stone, Mr. Gladstone?

Mr. Gladstone agreed, but qualified this by stating that he had held the Caldwell MacGregor position for 16 years before being discharged on account of reasons of economy.

Mr. Brooks took witness over three incidents in Hongkong regarding one of which he had admitted having sought a man who was paying attention to his wife, resulting in an appearance before the Kowloon Magistrate's clerk; Mr. Brooks asked Mr. Gladstone if he considered that a good record for a man in his position.

Witness pointed out that he was not charged in respect of the incident which led to the appearance before the Kowloon Magistrate's clerk, mainly because Mrs. Gladstone would not proceed with it. Two other incidents referred to merely entailed a nominal breach of the peace.

A Visit to the Flat.

Mr. Brooks asked if it was not true that on March 12, Mr. Gladstone went to his wife's flat at King's Terrace and attempted to carry her away, to Savarin House where Mr. Gladstone was staying. Mr. Gladstone: That is not quite correct. I undoubtedly went to my wife's flat to consult with regard to the annulment who was looking after the children.

Mr. Brooks: And I was asked questions regarding the late hour at which Mr. Gladstone proceeded on the matter. Mr. Gladstone explained that what he intended doing then was not to "carry" her to his boarding house but to "carry" her to her parents at the Peninsula Hotel. He denied by this having endeavoured to force her.

While waiting for her return to the flat, he saw her returning on the pillion seat of a man's bicycle.

Mr. Gladstone continued, "I was rather incensed at that, I admit. I asked my wife what she intended doing in the matter. I admit frankly that I endeavoured to carry her away, thinking that she must look after the children."

Mr. Brooks: Actually she was living at the time in the flat with another woman and one of your children was also there at the time.

Witness said he could not vouch for that, and expressed a wish to refer to a diary which he kept of these doings from day to day.

Adverting to another "incident," Mr. Brooks asked: On that occasion you smashed the panel of the front door of my client's flat, and when my client blew a Police whistle you ran away and got into a taxi?

Witness denied that such an incident occurred, and again expressed

ed a wish to refer to his diary.

Mr. B. D. Evans, Mr. Gladstone's solicitor, interposing, said that it was purely his own fault that the diary had not been brought into Court.

Letter's "Strong Terms."

Answering further questions, Gladstone denied having "worried" his wife while she was in Hospital. Neither did he tell her, while she was in an ailing or critical condition, that the best thing she could do was to die.

In support of the question, Mr. Brooks read a letter written by Mr. Gladstone to his wife in very strong terms, suggesting that she took her life as being the "only decent thing to do."

Mr. Brooks: Did you write that letter?

Mr. Gladstone: I did.

Mr. Brooks: That is a letter written by a man to his wife—a man who now suggests that she should come back to live with him. No man would write a letter of that sort.

Regarding a letter written by a Mr. Willgoss to Mrs. Gladstone in which he addressed her as "Bunny," Mr. Brooks enquired how Mr. Gladstone managed to come into its possession, suggesting that Mr. Gladstone had searched his wife's flat during her illness in Hospital and "stolen" it together with other letters.

Mr. Gladstone said he got the letter from his wife's office. When he did so, she was fully alive as to his intentions.

Mr. Brooks: Without her permission?—Yes.

Is that not equivalent to stealing?—Yes.

I put it to you, that is not the act of a decent man?—I cannot take a love letter written by another man to my wife?

Referring to Mr. Gladstone's conduct generally, Mr. Brooks asked if his acts were not "the acts of a man wanting in mental balance."

Dances in Shanghai.

Continuing his cross-examination, Mr. Brooks referred to the evidence of the witness as "some of these dramatic incidents" and "more of your extraordinary stories." Referring to the wife's attendance at dances organised by the Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai, Mr. Brooks asked: Surely a dance conducted by the Y.M.C.A. is a fairly straightforward affair?

Witness: It should be.

Without asking witness to say anything libellous of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Brooks put it to witness that the invitations to the dances were all sent by a Reverend gentleman of Shanghai.

Witness: Perfectly correct.

Mr. Brooks: And you suggest they are improper affairs?—No.

What did you mean when you said "should be?"—Because I saw two marines there drunk and I did not think the atmosphere was good enough for my wife.

Continuing witness said that after the dances the marines went to his house and sometimes telephoned his residence.

Mr. Brooks suggested that the marines went to the house because one of them was engaged to one of the complainant's sisters.

Witness: No; I think that a most unfair question, pardon my saying so. She was not engaged to him.

Mr. Brooks remarked that it was not unnatural for a marine to go to a house if there were a young girl there and suggested that there was nothing wrong in that.

Witness: Not the slightest, so long as the young lady was not my wife.

Husband's Objections.

After further questions Mr. Brooks put it to witness that his

DEBATE ON MARRIAGE.

DISCUSSION AT SAILORS AND SOLDIERS HOME.

The main argument centred in money questions and in freedom, when a debate was held last night at the new Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. The subject was, "That in the modern world, the penalties of marriage are more grievous than those of celibacy." The motion was defeated by 14 votes to 4.

Mr. W. H. Smith presided, and the debate was opened by Mr. W. Sprague, who was supported by Mr. D. S. le Prevost.

The leading opposers to the motion were Mr. Colin Carruthers and Mr. G. Sims. Arguments were put forward that a man had more freedom and more money when he was single, and that therefore he suffered less penalties than his nuptially-tied fellow-men.

The motion which was subsequently thrown open to general discussion, evoked a lively debate, many of the forty or so who were present recording their convictions either in favour of, or against, the proposition.

objection to his wife going to the Y.M.C.A. dances was unreasonable.

Witness: Not at all in view of subsequent events.

Referring to the time when the complainant went to live at a Boarding house where she had formerly lived, Mr. Brooks put it to witness that she had gone there because she had had a row with the defendant and had said that she could not stand him any longer.

Witness: We had a row because I found a marine there.

Mr. Brooks: Well come to the marine later.

Following further questions Mr. Brooks said: Now let's come to the marines. Your evidence that you found her in a kimono with this man "Red" Brown at 10.30 p.m. I put it to you, that is sheer nonsense. That's a product of your own imagination?—If I may do so I will produce a witness.

Witness denied that Willgoss had suggested that the defendant grant his wife a divorce because he could not provide a house for her. He also denied that his evidence of his wife arriving home at 3 a.m. when he was attending to his sick child was sheer and absolute nonsense.

The hearing was adjourned until next Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

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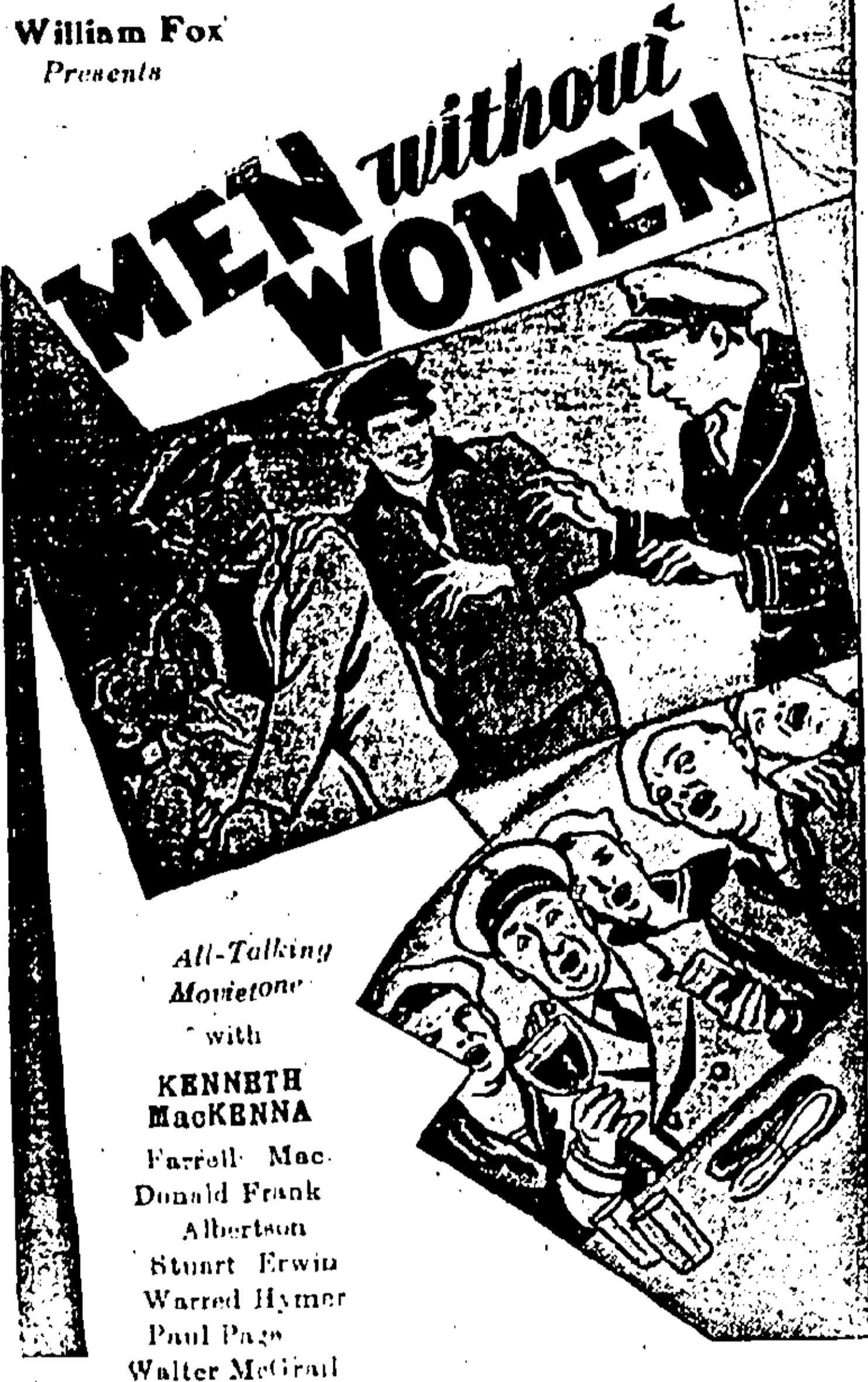
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Thanks to the quick perception of the manageress, an attempt by two Chinese to steal a valuable jade ring from The Caravan ladies' novelty store, Chater Road, was frustrated yesterday, and the miscreants eventually found themselves in the hands of the police. It was the bewilderment of the Manageress at a question they put to her Chinese assistant, and her quickness in noticing the absence of a ring, which prevented the men from making a getaway, though she succeeded in detaching the stone.

Interviewed by a Telegraph representative, the manageress said:—"Two Chinese came in at 5 p.m. yesterday, one of them short in stature and the other rather tall. They were well dressed, one having a coat over his arm and appeared to be of a better class Chinese. They spoke to Lo, my Chinese assistant, and expressed a desire to inspect jade rings.

"I left my desk to attend to them and they, choosing two of the rings, asked me the price. Then they asked Lo if he had wedding dresses. It was a peculiar question and as Lo looked at me and I at him, puzzled in our minds, the damage was done!

"We had, by this time, become suspicious, and as the shorter man walked out of the shop, I noticed there was a blank space on the tray and realised that one of the rings was gone. I rushed after the little chap and brought him back.

"Lo held the taller man and I the shorter. They struggled but we managed to keep hold of our men until the Police came."

"We found the missing ring on the rug near the doorway. The stone had been detached."

The Manageress told our reporter that by the way the men held the rings and selected the most valuable of them, it was obvious they knew their business.

DOLLAR OUTLOOK.

DOWNWARD TREND OF SILVER.

The Hongkong dollar showed a further decline of a farthing this morning, the official rate being 1s 2½d. This was in sympathy with lower silver levels both in London and New York, where the drop was one-quarter in each instance.

The London market is very quiet on China selling, while America is showing very little interest.

In Shanghai, where the rate is 1s. 7½/16d., the market continues dull.

London, Oct. 21.
The South African rugger side to-day defeated the Midland Counties by thirteen points to three at Birmingham.—Reuters.

Locally, the outlook is somewhat uncertain with an inclination towards an easy undertone. Business has been done at 1s. 2½d. and 1s. 2¾d.

All the cross-rates again show an improvement in favour of London.

Japanese Five Per Cent. Sterling Loan in London has risen from 73½ to 76½, and the Six Per Cent. Loan from 86½ to 90. Chinese 4½ Per Cent. Bonds have advanced from 73½ to 76½.

ROUND TABLE'S PROGRESS.

PLENARY SESSION LIKELY SOON.

LORD SANKEY'S TASK.

London, Oct. 21.

Good progress is being made in committee with the work of the Indian Round Table Conference and a further advance will probably be marked to-morrow when a statement on Federal Finance will be made by Lord Peel in Federal Structure Committee.

The discussion on the Indian Federal Court is meanwhile continuing and speeches on the various aspects of its proposed functions and composition were again made to-day.

On the conclusion of the general discussion next week, Lord Sankey, the Chairman of the Committee, will present a report on the committee's work regarding the Legislatures, Federal Finance and the Federal Court, and this report, after further examination by the committee, will form the basis of the final report to the Plenary Session of the Conference.

Other subjects, which have no direct relation to the minorities questions, are awaiting consideration by the committee during the interval while the Sankey report is being prepared.—*British Wireless*.

SOLOMON ISLANDS QUAKE.

FIFTY LIVES LOST IN DISASTER.

London, Oct. 21.

The Colonial Office announces that a severe earthquake occurred in British Solomon Islands on October 4th, with loss of life estimated at fifty.

The Colonial Secretary has sent a message of sympathy.—*British Wireless*.

STILL WINNING.

SPRINGBOKS DEFEAT MIDLANDS.

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The route involves a flight over great tracts of little-known ground and is 4,000 miles longer than the distance covered in the Sikkim Tour last year.

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SHANGHAI PEACE CONFERENCE.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT.

Shanghai, Oct. 22.

Good progress is being made by leaders representing the various factions of the Kuomintang for the formation of the new National Government at Nanking representative of "all the talents."

In this connexion, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the Kuomintang Leftist leader, who is heading the Canton peace mission of five members to Shanghai, conferred yesterday morning for two hours with Mr. Hu Han-min, the leader of the Nanking Conservatives. The entire peace mission proceeded to the residence of Mr. Hu Han-min immediately upon their arrival and it was while there that Mr. Wang Ching-wei held a lengthy conversation alone with Mr. Hu Han-min.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei and the peace delegates will leave for Nanking immediately after a meeting with General Chiang Kai-shek. There will possibly be no preliminary conference, as the Shanghai meetings will be merely an exchange of unofficial views.

Interviewed at the wharf upon the President Madison's arrival, Mr. Wang Ching-wei said that his mission centred on a strong desire for the completion of constitutional reform. The policy of the new National Government should be freedom and equality of China in the family of nations, and preservation of her territorial sovereignty.

Martial law was imposed on the day of the leaders' arrival as the Garrison Commander had been informed of plans by Communists to create disturbances.—*Renewal*.

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